



Kinnock mocks Cabinet 'sycophants and doormats'

Thatcher style of leadership under attack

Mrs Thatcher said Labour was trying to deflect attention from the 'real issues' by focusing on her personality... The Conservatives said Labour's manifesto amounted to a 'jobs destruction package'...

By Richard Evans, Nicholas Wood and Philip Webster

Mr Neil Kinnock embarked yesterday on his much vaunted strategy aimed at overhauling the Tories by launching a personalized attack on Mrs Margaret Thatcher's style of leadership.

The Labour leader labelled the Prime Minister an 'ambitious would-be empress' surrounded by her 'palace guard', and he mocked her 'spineless' Cabinet ministers as 'doormats'.

Uninvited wedding guest

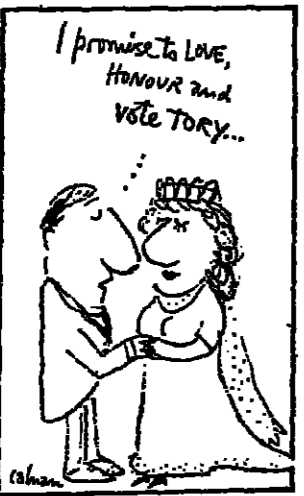
By Craig Seton

Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, was accused yesterday of taking her general election campaign too far by canvassing guests at a wedding reception.

Mrs Currie was reported to have appeared unannounced at the wedding feast of Mr Paul Shipley, aged 23, and his bride, Sharon, aged 22, at the Hilton House Hotel, Hilton, near Derby, on Saturday.

The couple had married earlier at All Saints church in nearby Mickleover and were having dinner with their 80 guests when Mrs Currie, the Conservative candidate for

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But the Prime Minister, responding directly for the first time to the barrage of criticism launched at the weekend, said that she was merely paying the price for the resolution of her administration.

'What they are really accusing us of is having the guts and the spine to put our policies through - to that paraphrase we plead guilty,' she said at her morning press conference in London.

Mrs Thatcher added that the opposition was engaged in an attempt to deflect attention from the 'real issues' of the election by focusing on her personality.

'They will not succeed. The issues are too important in this election for attention to be

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deflected from them,' she said in London, making a point that she returned to while campaigning in Kent.

Mrs Thatcher's close advisors on her tour are counting on the personal attacks on the Prime Minister being counter-productive, and she took several opportunities yesterday to refer to them.

Speaking to journalists covering her campaign, Mrs Thatcher said that the election should be about policy issues for the future and the achievements of the past. 'Some people are trying to prevent the real issues from being discussed.'

Labour to harden controls over City

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The City and multi-national companies would face tough new regulations and Whitehall controls under a Labour government, it was disclosed yesterday.

A special monitoring unit would be established inside the Department of Trade and Industry to keep a close watch on international combines and Ministers would seek to have a direct say in their investment plans for Britain, Mr John Smith, the party's chief industry spokesman said.

He also gave notice that Labour would tighten up the laws applying to the City in an attempt to tackle fraud.

Mr Neil Kinnock criticized the City for falling to back British industry.

He said: 'We now have a financial system that has almost stopped serving the industrial interests of our nation.'

Shares reach new high

Shares prices were again at new highs on the London stock market yesterday with investors convinced that a Conservative election victory is imminent.

The FT 30-share index

Asked about Mr Neil Kinnock's statement that she was surrounded by 'sycophants and doormats' Mrs Thatcher replied: 'He does not sit in my Cabinet - thank goodness.'

She declined to comment on Mr Kinnock's leadership qualities. 'I do not comment upon leaders of other parties.'

Although Mr Kinnock insisted he was criticizing the Government, rather than attacking Mrs Thatcher as an individual, his words appeared to be aimed specifically at her.

The switch in tactics, which came only minutes after he told journalists in Derby that Labour would not resort to Conservative-style mud-slinging, is aimed at taking advantage of what party chiefs consider to be the electorate's dislike of Mrs Thatcher's 'domineering' manner.

Mr Kinnock said her style of government was 'so insular, so imperial and so much concentrated on one person'.

'I do not blame Mrs Thatcher solely for that. I think it is partly her fault and partly her manner and attitude. It is also the fault of the spineless people who let her get away with it.'

'Mrs Thatcher has forgotten there are any other people around the Cabinet table and it is only partly her fault. It is largely the fault of the doormats which she selected and those that have made themselves doormats.'

He contrasted Mrs Thatcher's style of government with Labour's front-bench team, which was

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Leadership style: Mrs Thatcher on board the paddle steamer Kingswear Castle on a visit to Chatham dockyard yesterday. (Photograph: Graham Wood)

TV watch on Test spectators

The conduct of spectators at the first Test against Pakistan beginning at Old Trafford, Manchester, on Thursday will be monitored on closed-circuit television because of the violence in last week's one-day international at Edgbaston, Birmingham.

At a two-hour meeting in Manchester yesterday between the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), the Test match ground authorities, three local police forces and government officials, it was decided that spectators at Test matches will be banned from taking in flags, banners and excessive amounts of alcohol.

Chief Superintendent Arthur Roberts of the Greater Manchester Police said: 'Surveillance equipment may also be used in future for domestic games if it is thought necessary. But I will be treating this Test match like any other game at Old Trafford.'

At the Edgbaston game, 20 supporters were arrested and a Pakistani spectator's throat was cut by a flying bottle.

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Karami death new blow to Lebanon

From Juan Carlos Guncio, Beirut

The Lebanese Prime Minister, Mr Rashid Karami, was killed yesterday when a bomb exploded on board an Army helicopter that was bringing him back to Beirut from a holiday in the north.

The assassination of the Sunni Muslim politician plunged Lebanon into a new period of uncertainty at a time of great internal unrest, with increased guerrilla activity against Israel in the south and a stronger Syrian military presence in the country.

There had been no claim of responsibility by last night. Syria, a strong supporter of Mr Karami, blamed Israel. Christian leaders had sharply criticized Mr Karami's decision to invite Syrian troops into west Beirut to end militia feuds in February, and initial reports had suggested that his helicopter had come under ground fire while flying over a Christian enclave.

Security sources said that Mr Karami died instantly when a bomb, apparently hidden in his attaché case placed under his seat, blew up in mid-flight. Five of 11 others on board, including Mr Abdullah Rasi, the Interior Minister, were injured.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, called Mr Karami's death 'another tragic development in a tragic country'.

President Amin Gemayel, a Maronite Christian at odds with Mr Karami, declared a week of mourning and ordered a full investigation.

The mid-air explosion knocked out the pilot, Major Antoine Boustani but the controls were taken by Major William Mlayess who managed to bring the crippled craft down on to the makeshift airstrip of Halat. Mr Karami and the wounded were taken to hospital in the nearby town of Byblos.

Officials said Mr Karami died on the operating table, but military sources said he was already dead when the helicopter landed.

Opren payoff withdrawn

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Compensation claims by 1,500 alleged British victims of the anti-arthritis drug Opren were at risk yesterday after news that the manufacturers, Eli Lilly, had pulled out of a potential £15 million settlement.

The news of the company's withdrawal on the verge of final approval of the out-of-court settlement comes as a huge blow to the 1,500 claimants, many of whom cannot afford to risk the cost of a full-scale legal battle in the courts.

The 1,500 are seeking compensation as a group, in the biggest product liability

claim in this country, from the drug company, the Government's Committee on the Safety of Medicines and the Department of Health.

Already the Opren Action Group has announced that 87 per cent of the 500 claimants who are privately funded and cannot obtain legal aid have decided to withdraw.

That follows a High Court ruling - to be challenged in the Court of Appeal today - that all claimants, whether legally-aided or not, must bear an equal share of the costs, rather than leave costs to be determined later.

Russians told of benefits of 4.5 million jobless

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

A leading Soviet economic commentator has advocated an increase in unemployment as an economic weapon for the Kremlin in an important article published in advance of this month's plenary meeting of the Communist Party's Central Committee, which will be devoted to economic reform.

In the article, Mr Nikolai Shmelev also acknowledges that there is currently about 3 per cent unemployment inside the Soviet Union, although the official party line continues to pretend that it does not exist, and has not since October 1930, when it was declared by Stalin that the problem had been eliminated. On the basis of a workforce of 135 million, this would

mean more than 4.5 million out of work.

Writing in the latest edition of the influential monthly *Novy Mir*, Mr Shmelev reflected the radical economic advice now being given to Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the party leader, by calling also for a fully convertible rouble and a complete overhaul of the antiquated Soviet price system.

'Natural unemployment among people who are looking for or who are in between jobs exists today and is probably no less than 2 per cent of able-bodied workers, and if one includes tramps who are not registered anywhere, then 3 per cent,' *Novy Mir* said in its 16-page broadside against the dismal state of the Soviet economy.

'So it is one thing to look at the

problem while pretending that we have no unemployment and another thing altogether to do so when one calmly takes into account the fact that we do have unemployment and that it has to exist.'

In a key section which reflected the depth of recent changes in some areas of Soviet economic thinking, Mr Shmelev added: 'We should not close our eyes to the economic harm caused by our parasitic confidence in a guaranteed job... The real danger of losing one's job and having to take temporarily unemployment benefit or work wherever one is sent is a very good cure for laziness, drunkenness or irresponsibility.'

'Many experts believe it would be cheaper to pay temporary unemployment benefit for a few months than

keep masses of people in industry who do nothing and could break (and are breaking) any self-financing scheme and any attempt to raise the quality and efficiency of public labour.'

The article, which has attracted wide attention among Kremlin-watchers, was described as the most significant challenge yet published here against the old, fundamental precept of the Soviet system, namely that full employment is guaranteed.

Taking full advantage of the expanding frontiers of glasnost, Mr Shmelev also used the article to deliver one of the most scathing critiques of the economy yet.

'At the most 'patriotic estimation', only 17 to 18 per cent of the products of our manufacturing industry answer world standards.'

Foreign Office tells Britons to stay out of Iran

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain was yesterday on the brink of taking tough action if Iran went ahead with threats to charge a senior British diplomat with serious offences after his weekend kidnapping and subsequent release by Tehran's Revolutionary Guards in retaliation for the arrest of an Iranian diplomat in Manchester, accused of shoplifting.

A break in diplomatic relations was not ruled out as one of a range of steps that could be taken. Britons were advised not to travel to Iran unless absolutely necessary - a clear indication that the Foreign Office fears a worsening of the situation.

The Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, described as 'outrageous' Iran's threat to charge the British envoy, Mr Edward Chaplin, with offences which the Foreign Office says are blatantly trumped up.

'We shall be keeping up pressure in Iran today and doing everything we can for Mr Chaplin,' she said.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said he had taken 'certain decisions' which he declined to specify.

Whitehall officials showed concern that British diplomats might be prevented from leaving Iran.

The sources said that all diplomats need exit visas to leave, and Mr Chaplin does not have one. By contrast Iran's 11 diplomats and eight other staff at its London embassy, as well four at its Manchester consulate, could not easily be prevented from leaving.

Britain consulted its EEC allies on the situation, which suggested that one option would be to persuade the 11 European partners to down-

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grade diplomatic relations. Whitehall sources said that whether the decisions taken by Sir Geoffrey were actually implemented would depend on what Tehran did next. They ruled out any deal to drop British charges against Mr Ahmad Ghassemi, the Iranian Vice-Consul in Manchester, in return for similar treatment for Mr Chaplin.

There was speculation in Whitehall last night that Mr Ghassemi, whose passport has not been impounded, might leave the country. While this would be a breach of his bail conditions, the Manchester Consulate said yesterday that Mr Ghassemi would not appear in court on June 11.

This could well be a convenient solution.

Passport surrender order changed

By Ian Smith

A magistrates' ruling that the Iranian vice-consul, Mr Ahmad Ghassemi, be made to surrender his passport as a condition of bail was changed while Foreign Office officials were attempting to discover the fate of the seized British diplomat, Mr Edward Chaplin, it was learnt last night.

Telephone calls were made to the homes of the two Manchester city magistrates asking them to alter bail conditions 45 minutes after they had adjourned a special court sitting at which Mr Ghassemi, aged 29, was charged with three shoplifting offences, assaulting a police officer, damaging a wristwatch and reckless driving.

The abrupt about-face was made by Mr Alan Fox, duty solicitor of the Crown Prosecution Service, who less than an hour earlier, had asked that the magistrates impose two bail conditions for the release of Mr Ghassemi.

The first was that he reside at the home in Riverton Road, East Didsbury, Manchester, a modest semi-detached house where he has lived with his

non-English-speaking wife and three young children since September 1984. The second was that he surrender his passport.

Police sources confirmed later it is usual to impound a defendant's passport in cases where a foreign national is charged with a serious offence and there is any possibility of his leaving the country before the case is heard.

Yet 45 minutes after they had granted prosecution bail conditions and adjourned the case until June 11, desperate attempts were being made to contact the magistrates, Mr Norman Frisby and Miss Sharman Newth, to obtain a hurried alteration in bail conditions.

Minutes before she was due to leave the Crown Square magistrates' clerk office in the city centre, the deputy magistrates' clerk, Mrs Stella Roberts, received a telephone call from Mr Fox.

'He told me that there were difficulties in obtaining Mr Ghassemi's passport because it was kept at the consulate where he has lived with his

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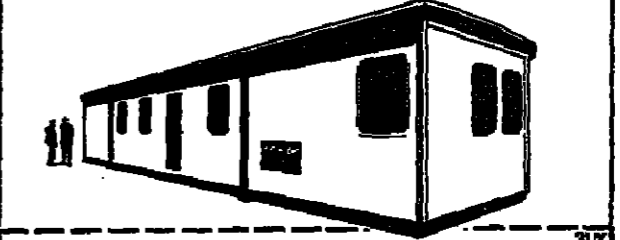
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Valor, the gas cooker and heater firm, is to quadruple in size by paying £285 million for Yale, the locks company, and Nutone, maker of household appliances. Page 21

Carson ban

Willie Carson, has been suspended for seven days for 'improper riding'. Page 37

Portfolio

The £8,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition yesterday - double the usual amount because there was no winner on Saturday - was shared by two readers. Details, page 3. Portfolio list, page 25.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Ford puts £23m into new engines

Ford is to invest £23 million at its Bridgend, South Wales, factory to increase output and improve the quality of Fiesta and Escort engines (Our Motor Industry Correspondent writes).

New plant and production machinery worth £12 million will allow more than 500,000 1.4 and 1.6 CVH engines to be built annually at Bridgend.

A further £11 million is to be spent on a new building at the South Wales plant which will house computers to monitor engine performance.

The new culprits

The computer industry is set to overtake the car industry in the number of complaints received by the Advertising Standards Authority. Almost 10 per cent of all complaints are being upheld.

The latest ASA report cites complaints against Acorn and Amstrad, together with six other companies. The ASA deputy director Mr David Williamson pinpoints software manufacturers as major culprits.

Police end siege

A nine-hour siege ended yesterday when police armed with riot gear burst into a house in Oxen Road, Luton, and overpowered a man. The siege started on Sunday evening when a woman suffering from cuts to her arm and neck got out of the house and was taken to hospital. When police arrived, the man locked himself and his two young children inside.

A witness said he saw the woman being dangled over a window from an upstairs window.

Bail for Beastie Boy

A member of the American pop group, the Beastie Boys, charged with assaulting a girl fan at a concert in Liverpool on Saturday, yesterday chose a crown court trial. Adam Horowitz, aged 20, was released by Liverpool magistrates on bail with a £10,000 security.

A prosecution request that he should surrender his passport was refused, and Mr Horowitz will be allowed to leave for Japan to continue the group's world tour. Reporting restrictions were lifted at the request of his solicitor.

Kim case inquiry

The inquiry into the way social workers handled the Kimberley child abuse case will begin next Monday with a preliminary hearing at Greenwich, south-east London.

Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, heading the investigation, will decide then whether it should be held in public before adjourning until June 29.

Kimberley, aged four, died at the hands of her stepfather, Nigel Hall who received life for murder. Her mother, Pauline Carlile, was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

GCHQ inquiry

Scotland Yard's Special Branch has questioned a former GCHQ linguist over an alleged information leak.

Mr Alex Lawrie, a Gloucestershire county councillor, said yesterday through his solicitor that he had been questioned and his home searched. There is no suggestion of espionage allegations.

The Yard said yesterday that a man had been questioned after Branch officers last week carried out a search warrant under section nine of the Official Secrets Act, 1911 and 1920.

Bank overtime ban

Barclays Bank said yesterday that the first day of an overtime ban by up to 41,000 of its staff over a pay settlement had had no significant effect. Work on its Connect debit card, due to be launched tomorrow, had not been noticeably affected. Mr Eddie Gale, general secretary of the Barclays Group Staff Union, said that the ban was being observed throughout the country with patchy support only in Nottingham, Shrewsbury, and east London.

Alcohol blamed for half of teenage fatalities

By Jill Sherman Social Services Correspondent

Almost half of all accidental deaths in teenagers aged over 15 are caused by alcohol, according to the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Alcohol is to blame for 45 per cent of fatal road accidents involving young people and is also linked to other accidents such as drowning and accidental suicide. "An alcohol overdose with or without other drugs is commonplace," the Royal College said yesterday.

A discussion paper, to be published today, warns that the effect of alcohol on driving skills is much greater amongst inexperienced drivers. Driving competence declines in most drivers above a blood alcohol level of 80 milligrams, but in inexperienced drivers deteriorates after 50mg.

A recent national survey of children aged 13 to 17 showed that 26 per cent of those aged 13 in England and Wales reported drinking alcohol three or more days in the previous week.

A third of girls and all those aged 15 said that they had been sick after drinking. Nearly half had drunk so much that they were unable to remember parts of the night before.

The Royal College said that alcohol consumption among all age groups had risen by 30 per cent in the last 25 years. Young men and particularly young women were drinking more frequently and consuming more on each occasion.

Nearly one fifth of boys aged 17 reported getting into fights after drinking, while 12 per cent admitted driving a car or motorcycle under the influence of alcohol. "Drinking habits become established in teenage years, setting the pattern for adult life," the paper says.

The paper urges the Government to put realistic funding into the health education authority to educate the young about the dangers of alcohol.

"Insufficient priority is being given to the prevention of alcohol-related problems in young people. Drinking kills many more young people than so-called hard drugs. Society must get its priorities right as far as drugs are concerned," the paper says.

Current legislation on under age drinking is not being enforced and the preventative policing of public houses should be encouraged. A recent pilot study in seaside resorts showed that police presence in public houses reduced the number of accidents by 20 per cent.

Professor Anthony Clare and Dr Bruce Ritson, of the college's committee on alcohol-related problems, said that they had treated teenagers who had become physically dependent on alcohol.

They said that 1,000 people a year were admitted to hospital suffering from acute intoxication.

Telecom union vote calls for resignation of general secretary

By John Spicer and Tim Jones

Delegates attending the National Communications Union conference in Blackpool have called for the resignation of their moderate general secretary, Mr John Golding, for his handling of the British Telecom engineers' strike earlier this year and for his "subversive" conduct.

But Mr Golding, the former Labour MP for Newcastle-under-Lyme for 17 years, says he has no intention of going.

Mr Golding, who was elected leader a year ago for a five-year period, said after yesterday's vote that there was no mechanism for the removal of elected officers. Voting for general secretary is carried out by a ballot of the union's total membership.

The call for Mr Golding to resign came from the union's engineering group and was carried by a card vote of 62,708 to 50,686.

The union president, Mr Tony Field, said a resolution accusing Mr Golding of mis-handling the BT strike had earlier been lost on a show of hands.

Mr Golding's election as general secretary was bitterly contested by left-wingers. Last month control of the union's engineering section was won by the left, who gained a 17 to seven majority.

After the vote, Mr Golding said he was delighted with the big majority of branches which had supported him on the show of hands, but the big membership branches had voted against him on the card vote.

He said he would not consider resigning under such circumstances. Mr Field said that if Mr Golding refused to resign, the executive could do nothing under the union's rules. Dismissal was possible but had not been demanded, he said.

A supporter of Militant Tendency yesterday became deputy general secretary of Britain's biggest Civil Service union, but other results were postponed because of missing ballot papers.

Mr John Macreadie won the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) position by 23,399 votes, beating his moderate rival, Mr Terry Ainsworth, who polled 16,524.

But the results for president, two vice-presidents and the 26-strong national executive committee have been delayed at least until today, although it is thought the left may have gained control of the executive.

Mrs Marion Chambers, a moderate, who was believed to have retained her position as president, explained that returns from more than 100 branches had allegedly been lost in the post. The missing papers could have a crucial effect on the political make-up of the CPSA.

A similar situation occurred last year, in the election for the general secretary, when Mr Macreadie won by 121 votes but lost a re-run election after a report showed that 21 branches had not had the opportunity to vote.

Keep quiet, says Hammond

By Tim Jones

Trade union leaders could lose the election for Labour if they felt obliged to publicly advise Mr Neil Kinnock on how his campaign should be run, they were told last night.

The warning came from Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the electricians' union (EETPU), who told 800 delegates attending the union's biannual conference in Blackpool he had cautioned himself to say nothing that would hinder the party's chances.

He said that during the run up to the election the advice given to the Labour leader by some of his counterparts had sounded "a touch whinging". Mr Hammond said: "The last thing he wants or will heed, is pressure from trade union leaders with little experience of real elections."

Mr Hammond has pledged himself to work for a Labour victory in spite of his differences with the party, in particular over defence policy and the future of the nuclear industry. He believes Labour would

now be much closer to defeating the Tories if Mr Kinnock had agreed to hold a national referendum on unilateral disarmament.

Mr Hammond gave a direct warning to some of his own delegates that any attempt to sabotage Labour's chances from the floor of the conference hall would not be forgiven.

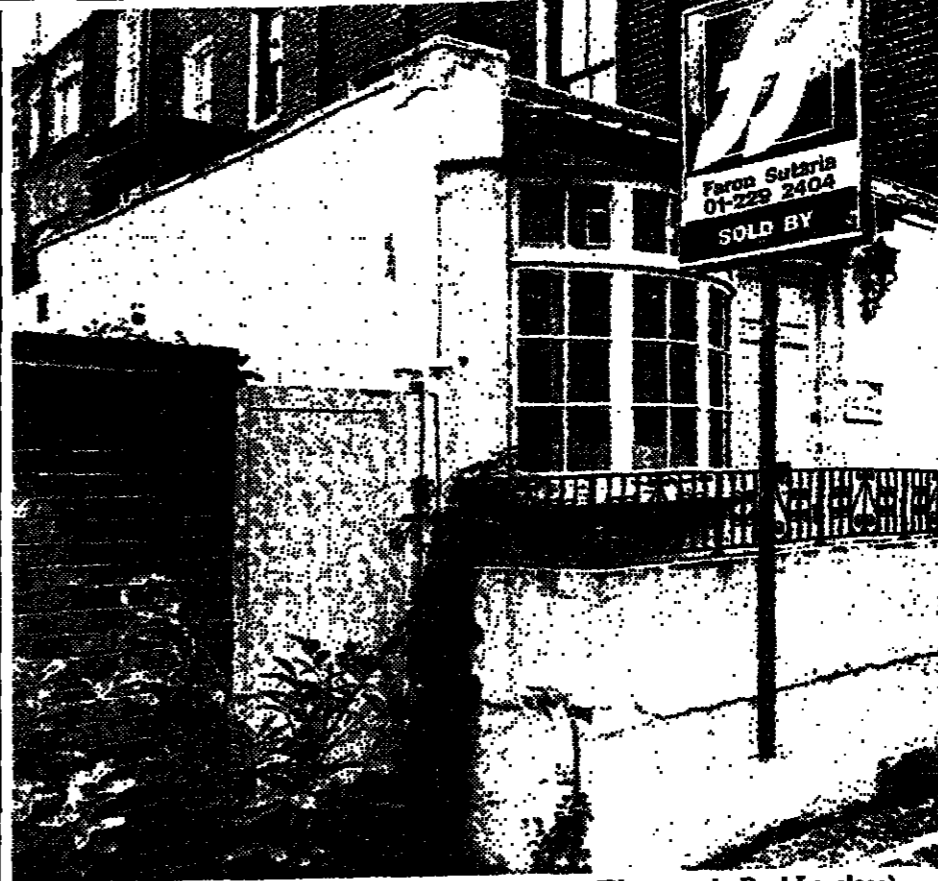
He said other trade union leaders should realize that Mr Kinnock's tough independence of mind was Labour's biggest asset.

lived in the area for a long time, said: "Everybody who sees it cannot stop laughing, and I thought that if it makes people laugh it must be worth something. It is a little gem in a delightful setting."

London's property boom is likely to continue for at least another three years if a Conservative government is returned for a third term, harring some catastrophe in the world's financial markets, according to Savills, the estate agents.

Savills report that although the supply of prime property has increased by at least 25 per cent since 1980, especially in docklands, there is still strong demand for two-bedroom, two bathroom, flats.

The new owner, who has



The one-room news house. A gem, says the owner (Photograph: Paul Lovelace).

'Smallest house' is sold for £58,000

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

After a cupboard laid claim to be the smallest flat in London recently, a candidate has emerged for the title of the smallest house - a freehold studio house in Wilby Mews off Holland Park, west London.

The one-room house is 15ft by 9ft with a tiny kitchen, a lavatory but no bathroom.

The estate agent, Mr Faron Sutaria, was asked to sell it in a probate sale. He put it on the market for £60,000 and sold it quickly for about £58,000.

It was built by the previous owner who then sold the main adjoining house. Mr Sutaria said yesterday: "It must be the smallest house in London if not in England."

The new owner, who has

'Too nice' PC quits the force

By Our Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard repudiated suggestions yesterday that a black constable who featured in an ethnic recruiting video recording had been forced to resign because of his colour or attitude.

PC Dennis Edgehill, aged 28, claimed that he had been told he should leave or be dismissed.

He said he was told that he was too nice to be a policeman but he believed that the real reason for his dismissal was racism.

Mr Edgehill, who appears in a recruiting film, entitled *A Force With a Future*, was a probationer constable, which meant that he could be dismissed at any time until he completed his two-year training.

He said yesterday that he had been told he had been disciplined for being late on duty.

But he said he believed that the real reason for his dismissal was racism as he had passed all his examinations.

In a statement, the Yard said that the constable had resigned voluntarily for reasons which were confidential. The police totally rejected any suggestion that ethnic recruiting was a cosmetic exercise.

The Yard accepted that some officers made racist remarks, and that this happened in all sections of society. Disciplinary action was taken when it was discovered in the police force.

There are now 360 officers from ethnic backgrounds among the 27,000 members of

Remand on murder charge

Mr Laurence Leslie Gaucher, aged 35, unemployed, of Prince Edward Crescent, Malinslee, Telford, Shropshire, was yesterday remanded in custody for a week by Telford magistrates charged with the murder of Mr Barry Crellin.

Mr Crellin, of Four Ashes, Wolverhampton, was found shot at his factory in Telford last week.

Police labs battle with drug flood

By Stewart Tessler Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard's forensic science laboratories have become so inundated with drug cases that staff are struggling to keep pace.

Last week a cocaine possession case in London was thrown out of court by the magistrate after he was told for the fifth time that the laboratories had still not returned an analysis of samples taken from a defendant.

Yesterday the Yard admitted that the laboratories, the largest in Britain, are now taking eight to nine weeks to complete simple cases and much longer for more complex analysis.

Scotland Yard has asked the Home Office for more scientists to increase the team of 24 the laboratory already employs on drug cases.

The problem for the laboratories, based in Lambeth, south London, is that London is now reckoned to handle 66 per cent of all cocaine trafficking in the country and half of all the amphetamine trade.

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Westland jobs risk over Brazil deal

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

More jobs could be at risk at the Westland helicopter company because of the threatened loss of a £100 million defence contract with Brazil.

The deal with Brazil to supply up to 14 Lynx helicopters for their navy is regarded by Westland as a crucial export order. But, in spite of appeals to the Government, the Somerset company has failed to persuade ministers to agree to a special financial credit arrangement.

The French who are the strongest rivals for the helicopter contract, are reported to be negotiating an export credit package, underwritten by the government, which could scupper Westland's chances.

Sir John Cuckney, Westland's chairman, has warned Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, that the vital contract could fall through unless the Government matched the French credit offer.

But because of Brazil's huge international debts, the Government's Export Credit Guarantee Department has refused to offer financial facilities.

Hippies in protest as farmers face invasion

A small band of hippies staged a peaceful demonstration at Stonehenge yesterday in protest at having their summer solstice festival banned for the third year running.

The 16 hippies made their protest in the car park opposite the stones before dispersing.

The group of hippies forming an embryo of this summer's Peace Convoy were still entrenched in a lay-by just outside Taunton in Somerset as a prelude to their march on the Wiltshire monument.

Farmers across the West Country are bracing themselves for confrontations but Wiltshire police said they had no plans to block off roads leading to the monument as they did last year.

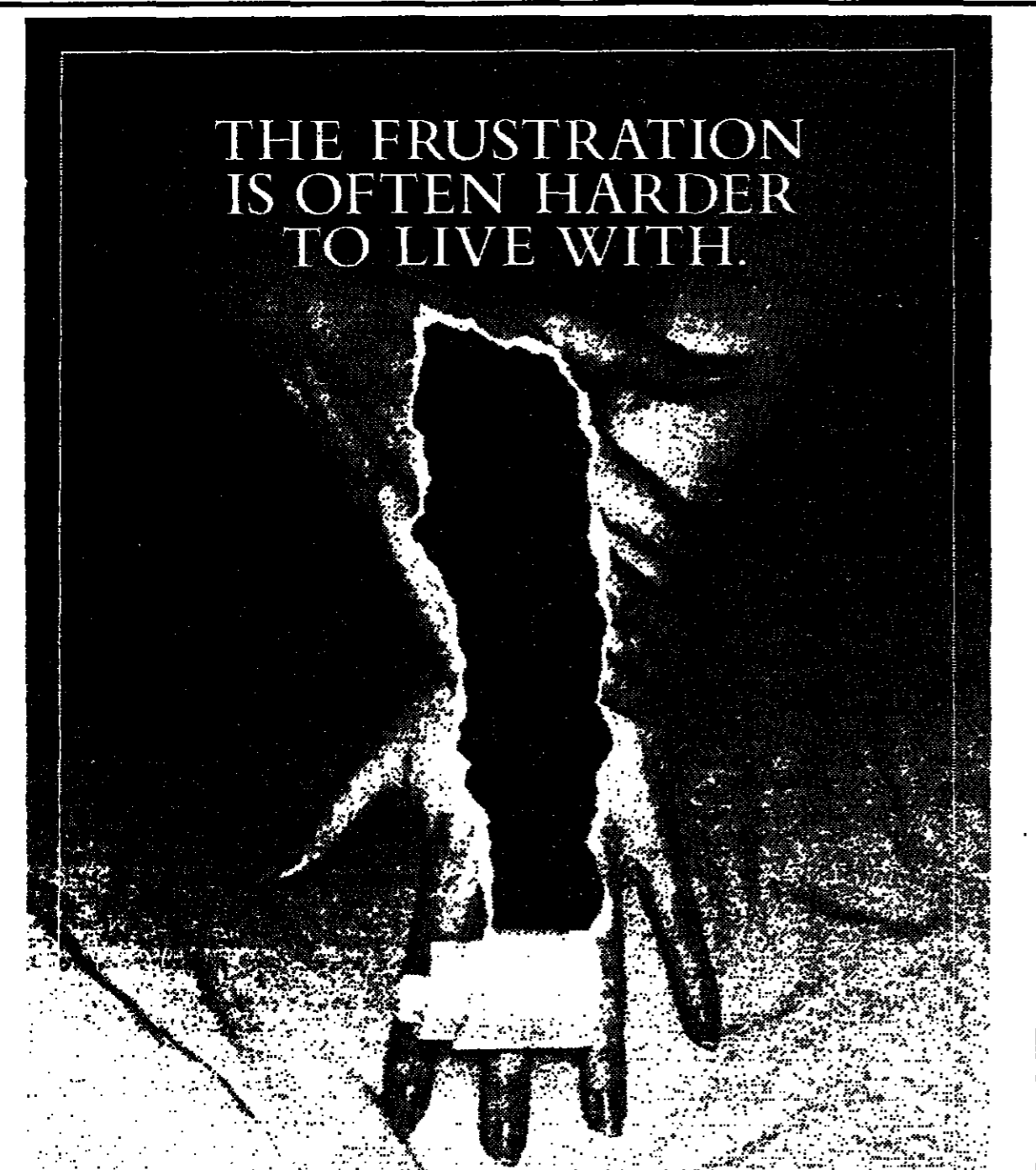
Some hippies in Somerset said a number of smaller

convoys were intending to come together and head for the Glastonbury Festival on June 18 before moving towards Stonehenge.

The biggest group, the people of the Rainbow Pear Orchard, was setting out yesterday from Kent under the auspices of Sid Rawle, the unofficial leader of Britain's hippies.

Others were walking to Stonehenge from different parts of the country, perhaps wary of their vehicles being damaged as they were during confrontations with the police last year.

Meanwhile three hippies are peacefully picketing Lord Montagu's historic home at Beaulieu in the New Forest because he is the president of English Heritage, which is responsible for Stonehenge.



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Father says hanged son was murdered in Army barracks

By Tony Dawe

The father of a teenage soldier found hanged at a barracks which is at the centre of an investigation into Army bullying claimed yesterday that his son had been murdered.

Mr Bir Singh told an inquest at Hythe, Kent, that he believed his son, Private Jeffrey Singh, aged 17, had been knocked unconscious and then hanged by other people at the Junior Infantry Battalion barracks at Shorncliffe, Kent.

Mr Singh said an officer had told him that his son had hanged himself. But he did not believe it then, "and did not believe it now".

A social worker said Private Singh had told her that he had been subjected to racial abuse, at the barracks. She added that he had joined the Army after running away from home, where he claimed he had been beaten by his father.

The special investigations branch of the Royal Military Police is conducting an inquiry into allegations of brutality by non-commissioned officers at Shorncliffe. The investigation began after a corporal was found guilty of ill-treating young recruits, and complaints by others.

The inquest yesterday was told that Private Singh was found hanging by a sheet from a pipe in a lavatory block on January 29 this year, only minutes after being asked by company commanders to help their inquiries into allegations against non-commissioned officers.

However they were not investigating bullying. Their inquiries concerned the possible theft of sweets and



Private Jeffrey Singh "dreams of killing himself".

Mr Brian Smith, the coroner, in what he described as an "overview" of the written evidence for the benefit of the jury, said that Private Singh had appeared a little upset during the interview but had been seen by colleagues afterwards and appeared to have recovered.

When he was found, his body had swung against a window in the lavatory block, cutting him badly. Efforts to resuscitate him had failed.

The coroner said that Private Singh had told fellow soldiers in the Junior Infantry

Battalion about dreams of killing himself, and that he had been briefly depressed by being returned to training after a knee injury.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald, for the Singh family, asked Mr Singh what he thought had happened. He replied: "I believe he was hit first, he was unconscious, and then he was hanged".

Mr Fitzgerald said: "By other people?" Mr Singh replied: "Yes".

Mr Singh, of Southall, west London, said that his son had always wanted to join the Army but he had thought he was too young. He said he last saw his son on Christmas Day last year.

Mrs Anne Osborne, a social worker with the London borough of Ealing, said that Private Singh had run away from home a couple of years ago but had "bloomed" after moving in with a family in Hayes.

She had helped his father to "accept the inevitable" and he had given permission for his son to join the Army.

She said that on doing so Private Singh became aware of differences between the races. He had once told her: "It's as bad as the first day I arrived, within two minutes I'm being called a black bastard".

In reply to a question from Mr James Holsworth, for the Ministry of Defence, about incidents of violence at home, Mrs Osborne said that on one occasion a knife was displayed but not used.

The inquest continues today.

NCO kicked young recruits

A lance-sergeant in the Irish Guards, which helps to guard Buckingham Palace, kicked and punched 12 teenage soldiers under his command, a court martial in London was told yesterday.

James Shanks, aged 26, pelted one recruit, aged 16, with a handful of stones, punched him in the ribs, knocked him to the ground and then kicked him, the court martial was told.

Major David Howell, for the prosecution, said that Shanks had beaten another recruit aged 16 about the head with the youth's own beret until the cap badge caused two bleeding puncture wounds on his temple.

He hit others across their

necks with a ruler, and several of the boys suffered "dead legs" after he kicked and kneed them. Major Howell said.

The attacks all occurred on one day last October after Shanks took his platoon of 35 junior leaders, all aged 16, to Henly Park rifle range, Surrey, for shooting practice, the court martial at Chelsea Barracks, west London, was told.

Major Howell said that the junior leader, Brian Sinclair, of Stirling, Scotland, who was also injured, had complained to other officers and an investigation was launched.

Shanks, who is married with a daughter, admitted 12 charges under the Army Act of striking the junior leaders.

Mr Robert Hill, for the defence, said that the junior leaders, who were based at the Guards depot at Pirbright, Surrey, suffered pain but no serious injuries.

"Lance-Sergeant Shanks deeply regrets, with hindsight, what he did. But these offences are not an example of his general type of behaviour. He was not motivated by any perverse sense of pleasure derived from physically abusing or humiliating the trainee soldiers."

Shanks, who had served in Belize and Canada since joining the Army at the age of 16, was sentenced to nine months in a detention centre and reduced to the rank of guardsman.

Blacks fail in health area posts

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Health authorities are still discriminating against black workers in management, medical and nursing posts, according to a report published yesterday.

The Greater London Action for Race Equality says that most black workers continue to hold ancillary and junior clerical jobs. Few are promoted into top jobs either in management or medicine.

Dr Muhammad Anwar, of the Commission of Racial Equality, told the launch of the report at the King's Fund Centre, central London, that although ethnic minority doctors made up more than half the number of junior doctors, they accounted for only 14 per cent of consultants and 27 per cent of senior registrars. No *Alibi*, No *Excuse* (Greater London Action for Race Equality, Room 312, Southbank House, Black Prince Road, London SE1).

Airport taxi share is first-day flop

Mary from Dublin and Alan just in from Madrid thought it was a good idea. So did Ernest from Oslo and Mrs Bell on her way to Carlisle from Hamburg. It was only on the cab rank at Heathrow's terminal one that the advent of taxi sharing met with any real opposition.

One of the last edicts of the dissolved Parliament came into effect yesterday as trade associations, Department of Transport officials, traffic wardens and assorted journalists watched to see how many arrival passengers would take advantage of the chance to cut the cost of a taxi ride into central London from about £17 to as little as £6 a head.

Harry Feigen, head of the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association, viewed a steady trickle of passengers following the tiny yellow signs marked "shared taxis" with a resigned air.

"We have been told that if we don't do it, someone else

will. What can we do?" Mr Feigen, who represents 6,000 of London's 19,000 taxi drivers, said.

"The Government is committed to deregulating public transport. The idea of sharing cabs has been around for a couple of years but the fear is that if we stayed off the shared rank the mimcabs might move in."

Figures from the Transport and Road Research Laboratory, which is monitoring the scheme, showed that the first day had been a failure. Only 12 cabs used the shared rank all morning, ferrying only 30 passengers into London for between £6 and £12 each.

Two passengers who were definitely worse off were Mr Leonard Price, aged 79, and his wife, Mary, who waited 40 minutes at the shared rank for further fare-paying passengers before setting off on their own on a £24 journey to King's Cross which would normally have cost £19.

A new aspect of the Queen

A full-face portrait of the Queen appears on postal orders for the first time (right) in a new range of designs unveiled by the Post Office yesterday.

Until now the monarch has always been portrayed in profile and this is the biggest design change for 100 years. The new orders will be introduced progressively from July, as old stocks are used.



Arts 'in danger of sinking'

By Ruth Gledhill

The country's arts heritage is in danger of being dismantled by "sink or swim merchants" who support sweeping cuts in grants and subsidies, the managing director of the English National Opera said yesterday.

The company must double its income from ticket sales if it is to survive, Mr Peter Jonas disclosed at an international arts conference in London.

His warning came as operators learnt that the price of the best seats at Covent Garden may rise by 65 per

cent next season, pushing a £42.50 seat up to £70.

Mr Jonas told the International Society of Performing Arts Administrators that conditions to enable the replacement of public-sector funding of opera by the private sector "simply do not exist at present in the United Kingdom".

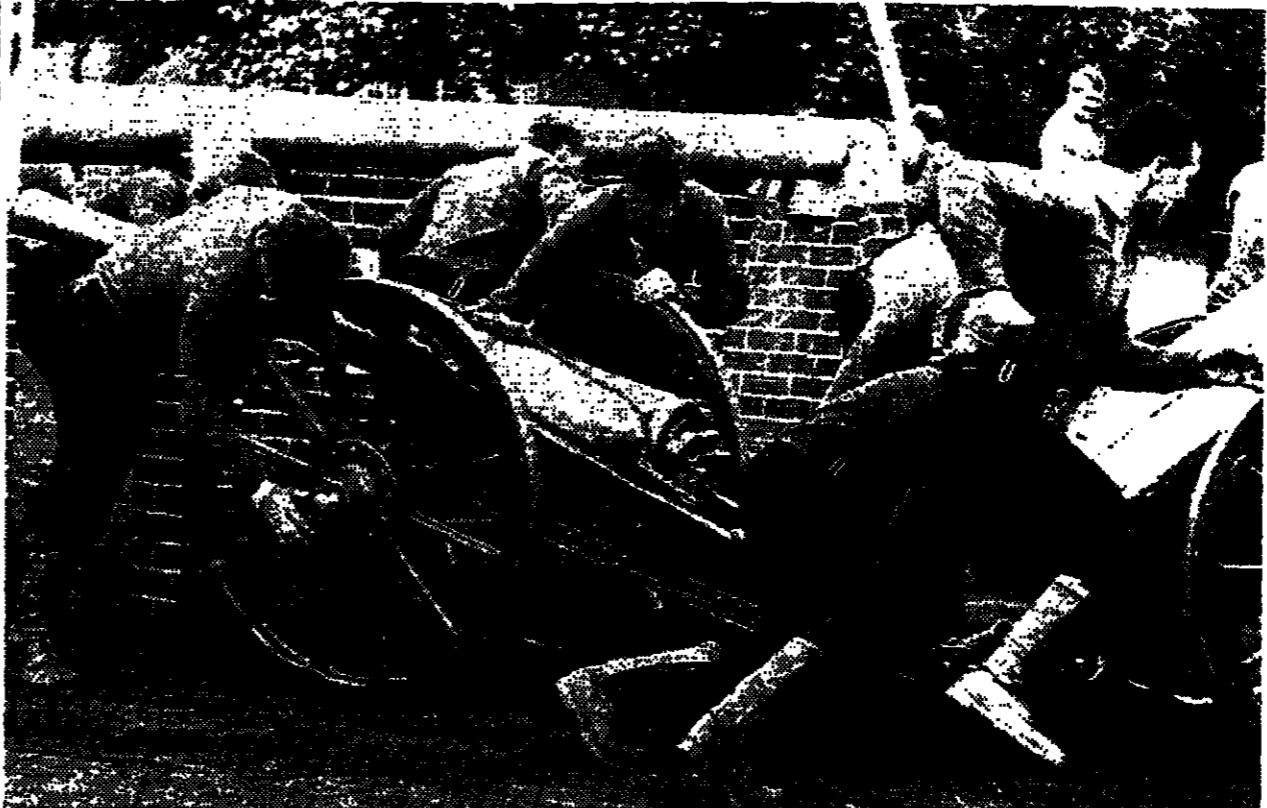
"For the first time in the history of the National Opera, the subsidy is under half the overall cost of the company's activities in a year", he added.

The price rises which the Royal Opera House is ex-

pected to announce shortly have been forced upon it by a cut in real terms in its subsidy and may drive people away, Sir John Tooley, general director at Covent Garden, said.

"But we have got to increase our income very considerably in order to get through the coming year and the years beyond." The larger price rises would be limited to the more expensive seats in about a third of the house.

Opera-goers to the English National Opera also face a price rise. A £18.50 ticket is to rise to £21.50.



A Fleet Air Arm crew from HMS Daedalus practise for the Royal Tournament gun carriage race (Photograph: Alan Weller)

Doctor 'ordered corpse to be damaged'

A pathologist tried to persuade a mortuary technician to break a corpse's neck to cover up a mistaken diagnosis, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Dr Yudugama Goonetilleke, of Ascot Avenue, Ealing, west London, a senior lecturer in forensic medicine at the Charing Cross Hospital medical school, denies attempting to pervert the course of justice and incitement to obstruct the North London coroner.

Mr Graham Boal, for the prosecution, said the doctor conducted a post-mortem examination on the body of Miss Selma Spitz, aged 84, who had died in an old people's home in Hampstead, north London, in June last year.

He had diagnosed the cause of death as a neck fracture.

Mr Boal said: "He was

wrong. But he is not on trial for being wrong. It is what he did afterwards when he discovered he had made a mistake which brings him before you.

"We say in a moment of anguish in order to protect his professional integrity he incited a mortuary technician to pollute the waters of justice."

Mr Boal said a few days after the post-mortem examination, a mortuary assistant noticed marks on Miss Spitz's neck and pointed them out to another pathologist, Dr Rufus Crompton.

When Mr Coade asked how he could help, the doctor asked him if he could go and "drop the neck", he explained: "If you put a block under the neck and twist the head, the neck will fracture".

Mr Boal said the technician agonized about what to do and eventually decided to borrow an undertaker's telephone

coroner might well dispense with his services.

The coroner, Dr David Paul, had asked both pathologists to conduct a joint examination of the body to see whose diagnosis was correct.

But before that happened Dr Goonetilleke, no doubt in a state of turmoil, telephoned the mortuary technician, Mr Jeremiah Coade, asking him to look at Miss Spitz's neck.

Later he telephoned Mr Coade again and was told he could not tell if the neck was fractured or not.

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answering machine to tape record his next telephone conversation with the doctor.

Mr Boal said the jury would hear the conversation, in which Mr Coade told the doctor if he did what was suggested he "might do it wrong and it might notice". The doctor agreed to go to the mortuary in Finchley later.

Meanwhile Mr Coade contacted his superior, Mr Geoffrey Fish, who came to the mortuary with a tape recorder in his pocket.

During the conversation between the three men, Mr Fish taped the doctor saying: "I am ruined now. I am in a hell of a spot."

Even if Miss Spitz's neck had been broken it would have been useless, Mr Boal said, as any competent pathologist would have realized the fracture had happened after death.

The case continues today.

Portfolio Gold - Change of heart pays off

Two winners share the Portfolio Gold competition prize of £8,000, which is double the usual amount as there was no winner on Saturday.

Mrs Grace Scott, aged 68, of Whalley Drive, Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, said she intends to spend some of the win on house repairs and the rest on a holiday.

She said her son, Michael, introduced her to the competition, which she was reluctant to play at first although she had been a regular reader for many years.

Mr Neville Subedar, aged 40, a television and video equipment dealer, of Cobbe Close, Pound Hill, Crawley, West Sussex, plans to spend some of the money on a family holiday and to invest the rest.

He said: "I am a keen reader of the business pages so I will probably invest a fair proportion of the money. We usually go to France so I will put some aside for our holiday."

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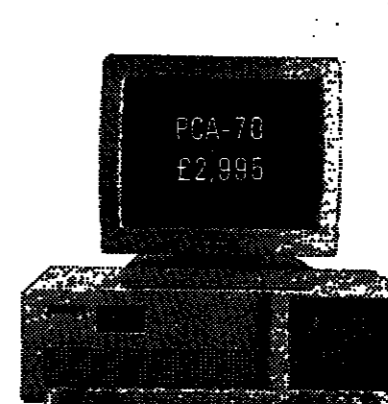
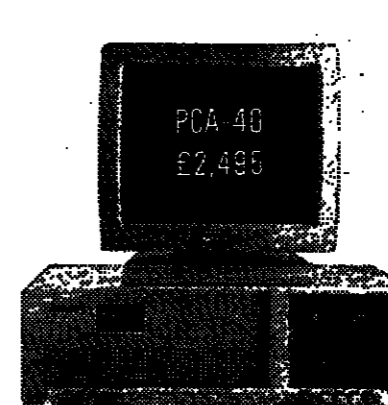
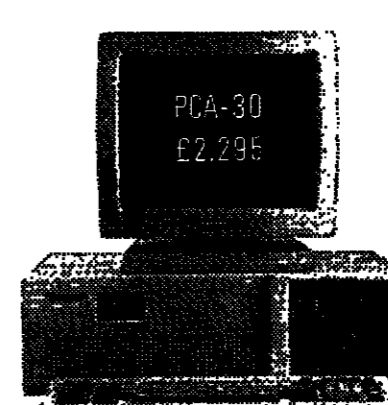
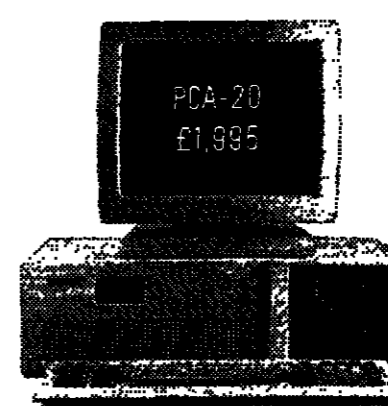
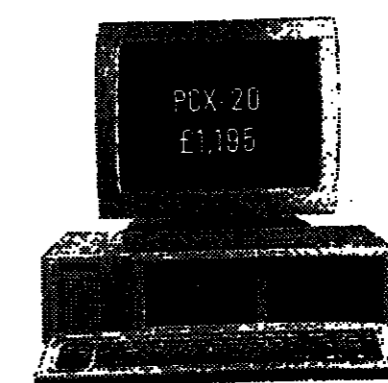
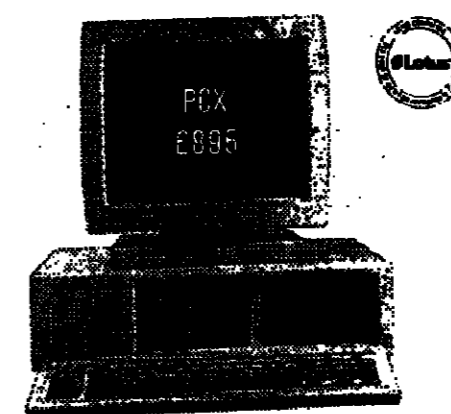
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Half of addicts are cured of heroin by hospital therapy

By Robert Matthews

Drug addiction therapy is far more successful than many doctors believe, according to the first British study of relapse rates among opiate addicts who have been in hospital.

The government-backed study was carried out on 50 addicts at the Bethlem Royal Hospital in Beckenham and Maudsley Hospital in Denmark Hill, both south-east London.

It found that six months after being treated, almost 50 per cent of the addicts had given up using heroin and other opiates entirely.

Until now, many experts had believed the success rate to be little more than 10 per cent, with most addicts returning to their habit as soon as they were released from the wards.

The new study found that although many of the addicts did take up opiate misuse again on release, there was a strong tendency for them to reduce gradually their intake until they stopped taking drugs altogether.

According to Dr Michael Gossop, a psychiatrist at the Maudsley Hospital, who led

Rosie Johnston, jailed for supplying drugs to Miss Olivia Channon at Oxford University shortly before her death last year, was offered heroin within a week of arriving at Holloway Prison, her mother claimed today.

In an interview in *Woman's Own*, Mrs Susanna Johnston said her daughter, aged 23, was told by an inmate that a supply of the drug that killed Miss Channon, the daughter of Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, would be hidden in a book in the prison library.

The research team, the study suggests, that the key to successful therapy lies with the care of patients after leaving hospital.

Patients admitted to the hospital were immediately given the heroin substitute methadone in place of the opiates, and all were weaned off the substitute over three weeks as in-patients.

More than half were back on drugs just a week after release. However, many former heavily-dependent addicts appeared to have become

only occasional users, taking less than one dose a day.

Most of those subsequently stopped altogether, following after-care help to get them integrated back into the community.

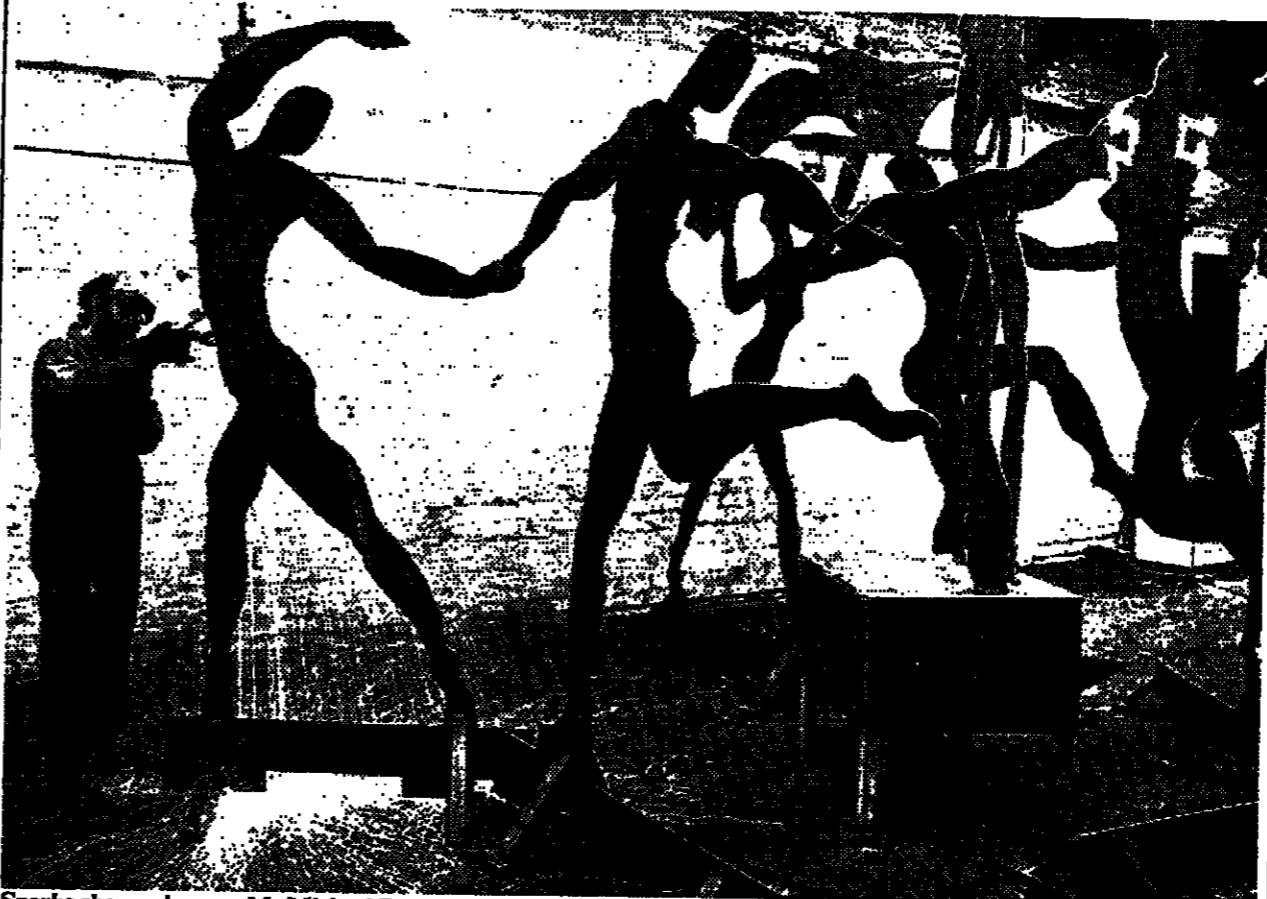
The belief that addicts apparently cured of opiate addiction merely switch to alcohol or other drugs was also confounded by the research; only one of the former addicts was drinking heavily by the end of the six months.

The survey suggests that anti-opiate treatment may also have important implications for restricting the spread of Aids.

Of the 30 who were regularly using hypodermic needles on admission, only 17 used needles even once after treatment.

Summing up the findings, which are published in the latest issue of the *British Medical Journal*, Dr Gossop said yesterday: "Our survey shows that one lapse does not mean a relapse."

"It gives us grounds for optimism where traditionally there has been a lot of pessimism."



Sparks shower down as Mr Michael Dennis completes work on a group of metal dancers, designed by Mr Francis Gomila, of Sandwell, West Midlands, which will be placed in the High Street in Smethwick (Photograph: Philip Dunn).

Club chief denies insulting waiter

The chief executive of a club in Park Lane, central London, told a Turkish-born wine waiter that the Turks were the most barbaric, vicious and filthy race on earth, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

The waiter, Mr Halil Yalgin, of Burbridge Way, Tottenham, north London, alleges that he was unfairly chosen for redundancy from Les Ambassadeurs club.

The club, in Hamilton Place, Park Lane, has been in existence for more than 40 years but was forced to reduce its facilities when its landlord decided that it wanted to turn part of the club into a casino. Miss Jane Owen, for the club, told the tribunal in London.

Mr Robert Mills, the chief executive, said that "absolutely no consideration" was given to Mr Yalgin's nationality, race or religion.

He denied an allegation by Mr Brian Gallagher, for Mr Yalgin, that shortly after his client started work in 1976 Mr Mills had said to him: "You do not have to tell me about your race, the Turks are the most barbaric, most vicious and most filthy race on earth." He said it went against his own ancestry, which included a Turkish step-grandmother.

The hearing continues today.

Gold was 'smuggled in Mercedes'

A customs officer's son-in-law was involved in a multi-million pound gold smuggling operation, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Mr Martin Field, for the prosecution, said ingots were hidden in secret compartments of Mercedes and

Citroen cars and driven into Britain from Belgium by couriers.

The gold was then sold on the black market, with 15 per cent VAT added to the cost. The tax, due on imported gold, was not paid to the

customs and excise but pocketed by the smugglers.

The smugglers arranged between 100 and 200 journeys from Belgium to Dover in just over a year.

Mr Field calculated that 100 shipments would have netted £4.8 million in VAT profits.

Mr Muhammad Naseer, aged 26, of Godwin Road, Forest Gate, east London, has denied evading VAT.

After coming to Britain in 1984, he married a British customs officer's daughter.

The case continues today.

Chimp bites are a danger to tourists

By Ruth Gledhill

Tourists are at risk of catching hepatitis, herpes and rabies from young chimpanzees used by beach photographers in Spain, the World Wildlife Fund has said.

More than 200 chimpanzees are in use on Spanish beaches, the fund has estimated.

Because they are imported illegally, they are not subjected to the quarantine laws which would ensure they were free of disease.

In a leaflet just published, the fund asks tourists to refuse to be photographed with the chimpanzees, listed as a vulnerable species threatened with extinction.

"The WWF has received reports that one in three young chimpanzees could be carriers of hepatitis B," the fund said.

The disease could be passed on because the animals are trained to sit on clients' knees and tables. They may become distressed and bite tourists instead of kissing them.

Most of the animals are drowned after about two years, once they have outgrown their purpose. For every one captured, at least 10

will have died during efforts to capture or transport them from their native West Africa, the fund says. Often the young chimpanzee will have seen its mother and other members of its group shot to ensure capture.

Peggy Templer, who runs a rehabilitation centre in northern Spain, where she looks after chimpanzees rescued from photographers, said: "Some time ago, we rescued nine baby chimpanzees."

"Dr James Mahoney from the New York Blood Centre took samples from each of them. It was revealed that three of the nine were active carriers of the hepatitis B virus."

Dr Frances Gulland, house surgeon at London zoo, added: "In adults the disease carries a 10 per cent mortality rate. It is important that tourists obtain the new hepatitis B vaccine before their trip as this disease can be very serious."

The fund said it was not aware of any tourists who had yet caught infectious diseases from the chimpanzees.

Good news strike for drivers

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

A strike by nine magistrates' clerks has cut to a trickle the £90,000 paid daily in fixed penalty parking fines to the Treasury by London motorists.

The Civil Service unions needed to call out only nine key clerks from the 73-strong staff at the fixed penalty office to bring it almost to a halt.

Both the banking of fines and the sending out of notices for payment are affected by the dispute which is unlikely to be resolved quickly.

The strike represents a stepping up of the pay dispute which has already seen the clerks ban overtime after a strike ballot four weeks ago. The Committee of Magistrates' pay offer was rejected by the Home Office, although this decision may be reviewed after a working party has reported on the dispute.

Training would be necessary before other staff could take over the key jobs and the unions are understood to have threatened to bring all their members out on strike if the management tries to recruit replacements.

The training officer on the staff is one of the nine on strike.

Solicitors unite for TV advert

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Thirteen leading provincial solicitors are planning a joint television advertisement which will promote the range of services solicitors can offer.

The advertisement, to be offered for use to leading practices in each of the 13 ITV regions, will be one of the range of public relations "tools" being examined by solicitors at an exhibition on legal services opening in London today. The idea is to produce a standard advertisement of one minute, costing each backer firm some £3,000, which will then have the name of that firm run across it in the relevant region.

Last week the first television advertisement by solicitors was broadcast by the Carlisle firm, Burnetts, who have produced a 20-second film for less than £10,000 to run on Channel 4 and Border Television 32 times until June 12.

A poll commissioned to coincide with the opening of the Solicitors' and Legal Office Exhibition at the Barbican in London, shows that although many firms have advertised since the rules barring it were relaxed, only just over half would advertise again.

Builders get incentive to improve environment

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

An award scheme for house-builders who help to improve the environment was launched yesterday by the New Homes Marketing Board.

Awards will go to builders who have carried out developments either in sympathy with the existing environment, or those who have created an environment where none existed before, such as at derelict inner city sites.

Mr Roger Humber, secretary of the board, part of the House-Builders Federation, said that house builders were

increasingly conscious of the impact of new homes on the environment and local communities.

"The future of the environment is in the hands of the house builder and we firmly believe that many housing developments today make a positive contribution to the environment in which they are built", he said.

The awards will be judged by a panel led by Mr Chris Baines, the environmentalist, who presents the BBC1 television series, *The Wildside of Town*.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Russia lets more Jews emigrate

Geneva (Reuters) - Last month 871 Jews emigrated from the Soviet Union, the sixth successive monthly increase...

The May figure was the highest for one month since 1,000 emigrated in July 1981 and the organization said an estimated 230 of those who left last month went to Israel.

Fiji embargo plea

Lautoka (Reuters) - Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, Fiji's Governor-General, appealed yesterday for an end to trade embargoes imposed by Australia and New Zealand...

Ratu Ganilau made the appeal after meeting the ousted Prime Minister, Dr Timoci Bavadra, whose government was overthrown on May 14.

SYDNEY: Australian longshoremen yesterday lifted bans on rice and wheat shipments to Fiji "on humanitarian grounds" (AFP reports).

Hasenfus Governor recants quits

Washington - Mr Eugene Hasenfus, the lone survivor of a Contra rebel weapons supply plane shot down by Nicaragua last year, yesterday recanted earlier statements that the CIA supervised the operation (Mohsin Ali writes). "This was sort of coerced," he said in a television interview.

Asked whether the operation was under CIA control, he said "No". Mr Hasenfus said shortly after he was shot down and captured on October 5 that arms airdrops to the rebels were directly supervised by CIA agents in El Salvador.

22 killed in Lebanon

Beirut (AFP) - At least 22 people died and 44 were wounded in an attack on Sunday by pro-Iranian fundamentalists on Israeli forces and Israeli-backed militiamen in southern Lebanon. Police said three civilians were also killed and 17 injured when the Israelis and the so-called South Lebanon Army (SLA) shelled 25 villages outside the Israeli security zone in Lebanon. The bombardment followed an attack on three SLA positions near the town of Jezzin.

Voting on unity EEC 'fails children'

Roadtown, Virgin Islands (AP) - The seven members of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States have agreed to hold a referendum on political unification, Mr John Compton, Prime Minister of St Lucia, announced. The organization's policy-making body had decided that "the first step to be taken was a process of comprehensive consultations on the subject (unification) with peoples of the countries concerned". Mr Compton said.

Radio ends monopoly

Athens - The Greek state's 50-year broadcasting monopoly has ended with the arrival of local radio, pioneered as a challenge to the ruling Socialists by the Conservative Mayor of Athens, Mr Miliades Evert (A Correspondent writes). Athens 98.4FM went on the air on Sunday, broadcasting a 12-hour daily programme of news, light music and discussion from a makeshift studio in the mayor's offices.

Jailed park couple 'did not break law'

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg personally see to it that the sign is removed first thing tomorrow morning. It's unfortunate that this thing happened.

Black children were yesterday happily playing on the swings in the park, while their elders sat chatting on the grass.

Mr Robert Mnculwana, aged 43, and his wife, Elka, aged 42, appear to have a legitimate claim to a refund of their fines and damages.

Arson death: A black man was burnt to death when arsonists set fire to a house in the latest flare-up of political unrest in Soweto, South Africa's biggest black township south of Johannesburg, police said (Reuters reports).

'Red Baron' seen by German envoy in KGB jail

From Christopher Walker Moscow

The fate of the intrepid young West German flyer who last week shamed the Soviet air defences with his flight to the edge of Red Square, remained in the balance last night as Soviet officials gave different versions of the likely penalty to be meted out to him.

In his first meeting with a Western official since his arrest last Thursday, Herr Matthias Rust, aged 19, nick-named the Red Baron, spoke for 30 minutes with Herr Gerhard Schrombeben, the head of the West German Embassy's legal and consular section.

Their meeting took place in Moscow's grim Lefortovo prison, the notorious KGB interrogation and holding centre. An embassy statement said that Herr Rust, a computer operator from Hamburg, gave "a calm impression" during the interview, but would give no further details of the discussion.

The West German Embassy said that in the jail, the diplomat had conveyed greetings to Herr Rust from his relatives, who have described him as a passionate amateur pilot.

The West German official also discussed his case with the chief Soviet investigator leading the team looking into the affair.



Herr Matthias Rust surrounded by Muscovites after his landing.

Embassy sources later told German reporters that under Soviet law, the investigation could continue for many months until charges are preferred. It is only then that Herr Rust would be free to receive assistance from a defence lawyer. The embassy will have the right to visit him in jail twice a month.

Earlier, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, told a

press conference that the offence of flying into the Soviet Union without permission carried a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment or a fine equivalent to £1,000, with or without the confiscation of the intruding aircraft.

Although many ordinary Russians, when hearing of the daring exploit by word of mouth - its full details have not yet been published here - react with the same admiration to the young pilot as those Muscovites who greeted him warmly on his arrival in the shadow of the Kremlin, the authorities are putting a graver and potentially more serious face on the affair.

An amateur cameraman's film of the historic landing screened for correspondents here yesterday, showed Herr Rust being greeted with a cry of "friendship" after he left his single-engine plane and another Russian on the spot shouting to him "congratulations".

But Mr Gerasimov appeared to adopt a tougher approach than Mr Valentin Falin, head of the Soviet Novosti news agency, who had earlier told a West German newspaper that he expected the young flyer to be back home soon with his relatives after a quick trial.

Mr Gerasimov said that many questions in the case had still to be answered, including the motives

which prompted the mission. "Whether he acted alone or it was something else, whether it was an act of bohemianism or there was some more serious intention - it is yet too early to make the final judgement," the spokesman stated.

At the briefing in the Foreign Ministry, the first at which the Soviet authorities have answered questions about the embarrassing incident, Mr Gerasimov noted that the plane - a Cessna 172B rented from the Hamburg Aero Club - had been specially adapted, lightened and fitted with extra fuel tanks.

"It has been reported from Hamburg, for example, that the pilot of that plane discussed with other pilots the best options of crossing the Soviet border undetected," he told reporters. "According to the West German press, he pored over the route both on a map and on a mock-up, and studied the peculiarities of flying at low altitudes."

In Western diplomatic circles, the most likely outcome of the bizarre flight was regarded as a quick trial and sentence to be followed by deportation. But a number of diplomats considered this might be delayed for some months to set an example against anyone trying to repeat Herr Rust's feat.

The Kremlin confirmed officially at the press conference that more

Soviet military officials were soon likely to be dismissed as a result of the failure to intercept the plane, which flew over 500 miles of Soviet air space before making its dramatic touchdown.

Mr Gerasimov said that those who had not lived up to their military responsibilities would be "punished accordingly".

There has been speculation that other key members of the defence establishment may also be purged. The Defence Minister and the

Bonn - West Germany yesterday expressed official disapproval of Herr Rust's flight by calling it a foolhardy action which could have had tragic consequences (Reuters reports). A spokesman said: "The Government disapproves of Rust's violation of Soviet territory."

Commander-in-Chief of Soviet Air Defences have already lost their jobs.

A Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Vadim Logunov, told the news conference that he understood the duty of air defence officials had been to intercept the West German plane but not to shoot it down. "As I understand it, the air defence had the task of landing the aircraft but not to shoot it down. But they did not cope with this task either."

Kohl coalition agrees qualified go-ahead for Soviet missile offer

From John England, Bonn

After weeks of internal disagreement on the issue, West Germany's centre-right Government yesterday gave a delayed and qualified green light to the Soviet "double zero" offer on Euro-missiles, so clearing the way for Chancellor Kohl to make a policy statement to Parliament on Thursday.

The three coalition parties agreed that the superpowers should reach an accord on the removal of longer-range (LRINF) missiles without delay and, ideally, worldwide.

The dismantling of shorter-range (SRINF) missiles should be the first stage in step-by-step negotiations on the remaining US-Soviet missiles in Europe with ranges up to 1,000km. At the same time the achievement of conventional stability and global removal of chemical weapons should be sought.

As expected, the Government insisted that West Germany's 72 ageing Pershing IA missile launchers, warheads for which are under American control, should be excluded now and in the future from the US-Soviet

negotiations in Geneva. A statement issued without official comment at a press conference said that Bonn was in agreement on this point with the United States and its other allies.

The statement said that the Government recommended as the next steps towards a comprehensive disarmament a 50 per cent reduction in the superpowers' strategic nuclear arsenals, the worldwide removal of chemical weapons, the reduction of conventional land and air forces from the Atlantic to the Urals to a balanced, low level based on removal of the Warsaw Pact's superiority in conventional arms; and the further substantial reduction of US-Soviet nuclear potential in Europe.

Headed "More Stability with Fewer Weapons in Europe", the statement said a superpowers agreement on LRINF missiles would, for the first time, make possible a far-reaching step towards disarmament. Such an accord would, at the same time, be proof that concrete disarmament steps based on a fair balance of the interests of

both sides could be achieved.

The coalition's hard-fought compromise agreement is seen as a victory for the Free Democrats (FDP), the junior Government partners, who supported Mr Gorbachov's double-zero option from the start. Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, an FDP man, has been the proposal's greatest champion in Bonn.

Herr Kohl, gingered by a right-wing, so-called "Steel Helmets" group in his Christian Democrats (CDU), and Herr Franz Josef Strauss, leader of the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), stonewalled on Bonn's answer to Moscow for weeks.

But international and domestic pressure, including two recent state elections in which the missiles issue hurt the CDU, finally made him move the FDP's way.

Herr Strauss said yesterday, after the parties' more than four-hour meeting, that the disarmament moves on medium-range missiles were a "decoupling of the Americans from Europe".



President Reagan talking to Elizabeth Taylor, the actress and chairman of an AIDS research foundation, at a Washington charity dinner in support of research into the disease.

Absent minister holds key

From Robert Fisk, Bahrain

British diplomats in Tehran were last night anxiously awaiting the return of the Iranian Foreign Minister from Qatar in the hope that he could bring radicals in the Iranian Government under control.

It was hoped that he could lift a series of charges, two of them carrying the death penalty, levelled against Mr Edward Chaplin, the First Secretary at the British interests section in Tehran, who was beaten and imprisoned last week.

No formal charges have been laid against Mr Chaplin, who has neither seen nor spoken to any Iranian officials since he was returned to his family on Friday, 24 hours after he was dragged from his car in Tehran, beaten on the face and body and then imprisoned at the headquarters of the Revolutionary Guard Corps.

Mr Hussein Sheikholeslam, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, is thought by European diplomats to have personally ordered Mr Chaplin's detention in a deliberate attempt to provoke Britain to break relations with Iran and undermine moderates within the Iranian leadership.

Mr Sheikholeslam, visited Lebanon two months ago to introduce the new Iranian ambassador to Beirut to the Shia Muslim population and official of his time meeting Hezbollah members in the south of the country.

Western diplomats in Tehran, however, privately accuse

tage, involvement in drugs, and theft.

Mr Martin Clements, one of Mr Chaplin's colleagues in the embassy, angrily described the charges, which were carried in Tehran newspapers yesterday, as "insulting, outrageous, offensive and baseless".

In fact, a power struggle within the Iranian leadership involving a senior government official with close links to the Hezbollah "Party of God" organization in Beirut is believed to be behind the growing diplomatic crisis.

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Reagan gets backing in Congress for plan to protect Gulf tankers

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

After several tense days of consultations, the Reagan Administration appears to have won widespread congressional backing for its plan to escort Kuwaiti tankers flying the American flag in the Gulf.

Pressure to invoke the War Powers Act, which would have given Congress intimate involvement in decisions relating to the escort operation, has subsided after explicit promises that the Administration will provide regular, detailed reports.

"We have no problem whatsoever complying with the congressional desire for us to submit reports," Mr Frank Carlucci, the National Security Adviser, said. "We think that is a legitimate function." But he added that the White House had difficulties with the condition that the Administration could do nothing until the reports were submitted to Congress.

The first reports are expected to reach Congress in a week or so. The House of Representatives is due this week to pass a resolution requiring regular reports on the rules of engagement and

all details of how US military power would be used to protect the 11 Kuwaiti tankers that will soon carry the American flag. The Senate passed a similar resolution last week.

President Reagan has already ordered a higher state of alert for American warships in the region. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have been refining the rules of engagement, studying the mix of ships necessary in the Gulf and assessing the kinds of support that might be needed.

Additional deployments to the region are to include a cruiser to move in and out of the Gulf. The nuclear-powered cruiser USS Virginia may soon sail for the area to share duty with another cruiser equipped with the elaborate Aegis anti-aircraft system.

An aircraft carrier will remain outside the critical Strait of Hormuz - less than 21 miles wide at its narrowest point - but close enough to provide air cover and retaliatory bombing capability if US ships are attacked.

Navy P3 anti-submarine planes based in Oman and Air Force Awaacs based in Saudi

Arabia will continue reconnaissance over the Gulf.

The Joint Chiefs would like access to Saudi airfields for US F15s and other fighter planes, but Pentagon officials are gloomy about the prospects.

Air bases in Kuwait are regarded as too distant from the main area of danger. Oman already allows the US Navy to use its territory for P3 anti-submarine planes.

The New York Times reported yesterday that officers on board the American frigate Stark failed to execute a standard air defence manoeuvre when it was attacked on May 17 by an Iraqi jet in the Gulf.

It said that the ship's captain did not begin to turn the vessel's stern towards the aircraft, a manoeuvre that would have permitted the Stark's sophisticated electronic defences to detect the launching of two Exocet missiles and to shoot them down. It would also have presented the missiles with a smaller, less vital part of the ship as a target.

Attack on synagogue linked to trial



Rabbi De Bretagne pointing to Nazi symbols and the slogan "Hitler for 1,000 years" daubed on the door of a synagogue in the French city of Nantes at the weekend. Rabbi Meir Azoulay, said the incident was linked to the trial in Lyons of Klaus Barbie which entered its fourth week yesterday (Reuters reports). Another slogan painted on the synagogue said "Free Barbie". Police said the graffiti was done by "Skins", the French version of the "skinhead" youth cult.

British status under threat

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Britain's observer mission to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) is being threatened by the imposition of what Britain considers to be quite unacceptable conditions. The issue is due to be debated by the organization's Executive Board today.

Britain was granted conditional observer facilities last May, shortly after its decision to leave the organization. However, Unesco is now insisting that Britain pay for the right to those facilities, and is also demanding that all Unesco members and officials continue to enjoy normal diplomatic immunity and privileges when visiting Britain.

The British Government has explained that it can only apply the provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, to which

From Diana Geddes, Paris it is a signatory, to those organizations of which it is a member. It said that it was nevertheless prepared to make arrangements on a case-by-case basis for visiting Unesco delegations. However, that has been rejected as inadequate by Unesco.

Britain has asked for clarification on what happens in those member states which are not signatories to the Convention on Privileges and Immunities with a view to adopting the same arrangements. But it has so far received no reply.

Unexpectedly, Unesco has also asked Britain to pay £16,000 for the privilege of being granted observer facilities for the past year. Britain, which has not even the right to an office in the Unesco building, has replied that while it is willing to pay for whatever tangible benefits it receives, such as documentation, it considers the sum demanded

to be greatly in excess to what is its due.

It is noted here that the US has not been asked to pay for its facilities. Nor has any objection been raised to its treatment of visiting delegations, despite their not being eligible for the full range of privileges and immunities.

Britain considers that it has been unfairly singled out for particularly harsh treatment, perhaps because its withdrawal was sorely felt by Mr Amadou M'bow, Unesco's beleaguered Director-General. Mr M'bow is also said to have been upset because Britain has never accepted him the head-of-state treatment provided by many other states.

Although today's debate could result in the withdrawal of Britain's observer facilities, such a provocative move is considered unlikely in the run-up to the election of the organization's next director-general in the autumn.

Violence boils over in New York heatwave

From Charles Bremner, New York

A record late-May heatwave boiled over into violence in New York when an enraged motorist shot three youths after being sprayed with water from a hydrant.

Sunday's incident in the Bronx was the most serious of the weekend as a stifling heat haze hung over the city.

Charles Woods, aged 20, was spraying friends on a housing estate in the Bronx with hydrant water to cool them off when a Spanish-speaking man drove by.

"I wet his car," Mr Woods said. "He got out of the car and came at me with a pipe. He said something to me in Spanish." Mr Woods then turned the water on the man.

The motorist returned to his car, saying he would be back. An hour later he arrived with a companion, drove up to the group of youths still frolicking

under the water, and started firing a pistol.

Mr Woods was grazed on the head and his friends were hit in the chest. Police are looking for the man.

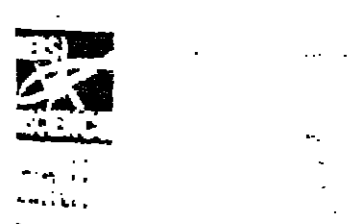
About a million New Yorkers took to the beaches on Sunday, causing huge traffic jams which were made worse by broken-down cars as drivers caused their engines to overheat by demanding too much from their vehicles' air conditioning.

Many city dwellers occupied waterside spaces, dousing each other with buckets of water.

The carriage horses were ordered out of Central Park for the weekend after the heatwave began on Friday. On Saturday a humid 96 degrees marked a New York record for the time of year.

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India angers Colombo with plan for Tamil aid convoy

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

India yesterday raised the international stakes in the Indian Ocean by proposing to send a convoy of 20 ships carrying humanitarian aid to the Tamil population of the Jaffna peninsula in the north of Sri Lanka.

Egged on by reports of suffering and death in the military campaign just ended, disseminated by the offices of the separatist Tamil rebels in south India, Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Government announced that it will send the ships - unarmed and flying the Red Cross flag - to Jaffna tomorrow. Mr J.N. Dixit, the Indian High Commissioner in Colombo, delivered this message to the Sri Lankan Government, asking that the convoy be given access to the peninsula.

A measured response from the Government was delivered to the Indians denying that Tamils were in any real need, but offering "in the spirit of good neighbourly relations" to accept the cargoes, subject to further discussions on "the modalities". It seems unlikely, however, that the Indians are in a mood to accept such a response and are determined to press ahead with the boat-lift, whether the Sri Lankans like it or not.

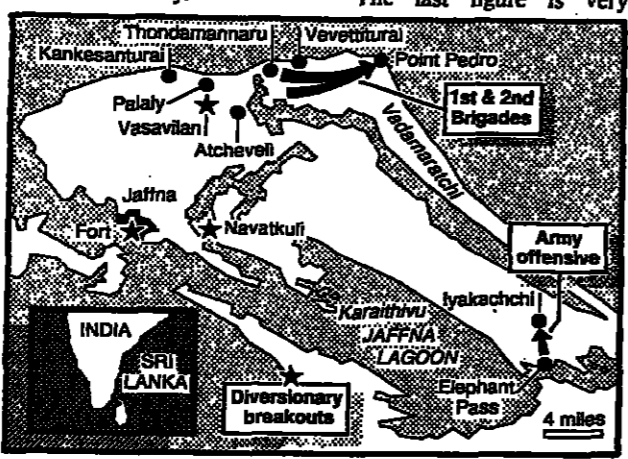
Senior Cabinet ministers gathered last night at the office of President Jayewardene to discuss Sri Lanka's further moves, but officials pointed out that sending material directly to Jaffna without their concurrence would flout all known international custom. The full Sri Lankan Cabinet

has been summoned to discuss the crisis today and Parliament has also been called for an emergency session.

The Sri Lankan authorities were already making arrangements yesterday for distribution of food and emergency supplies to Jaffna.

Ten lorry loads of flour, amounting to 300 tons, were due to leave Vavuniya. Boatloads of supplies were due to leave the Kanakasuri harbour, controlled by the military, for the port at Point Pedro, just freed from rebel control. The Government agent in Jaffna was asked to make arrangements for the distribution of other foodstuffs.

Kerosene, which has been in restricted supply, has been freed from restrictions, and petrol is to be completely unrestricted in the Vadamatchchi area just taken by the Sri Lankan Army.



Delhi - About 500 Tamils were arrested in Tamil Nadu yesterday during a "Stop the Trains" campaign to protest over the deaths of Tamils in Sri Lanka's military offensive and the failure of India to intervene (AP reports).

The armed forces' joint operation in the Jaffna peninsula has come to an end with the capture of a guerrilla stronghold in a smugglers' cove to the east of Point Pedro, the northernmost habitation in Sri Lanka.

The Army now holds 35 square miles of former bandit country, where the writ of the Colombo Government has not run for almost two years. It has cost the deaths of 37 servicemen including two officers. According to the Government's official military journal, 168 soldiers have been wounded and only 37 civilians died "in the cross-fire".

The last figure is very different from "the calculated slaughter of thousands of Sri Lankan civilians", which the Indian Prime Minister complained of last week after talking to the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, but it is also no doubt a serious underestimate.

One of the problems with the notion, widely held in India, that Sri Lankan armed forces intend to seize and control the whole of the Jaffna peninsula at gunpoint is that they simply, even after tripling the size of their forces in the past three years, do not have sufficient soldiers to do so.

The Sri Lankan Army formed its tenth battalion two weeks ago, an outfit too green to be put into battle yet. The Vadamatchchi operation took four battalions of the remaining nine. One battalion mans the Jaffna fort, and the other camps in the area. Another battalion is occupied with the Elephant Pass and the drive to Iyakkachchi north of it.

Where, ask diplomatic observers, will the other troops to take and hold the rest of the peninsula come from?

There will, observers assume, now be a break in military activity in the north while the 3,400 men of the formations involved in Vadamatchchi construct strong-points of their own, and begin the kind of patrolling they have been unable to do for the past two years.

Refugee curfew as arms seized

Jerusalem (AP) - Israeli soldiers yesterday enforced a curfew on a Palestinian refugee camp in the occupied West Bank after 1,500 Arabs were rounded up for questioning and 60 arrested, army officials said.

An army spokesman said homemade guns, knives and other weapons were confiscated and a curfew imposed on the 14,000 residents of the Balata refugee camp near Nablus.

A military source said that Palestine Liberation Organization activists had been using threats to force camp residents to stay away from jobs inside Israel.

Mars probe

Moscow (Reuters) - The Soviet Union could send a permanent mobile laboratory to Mars using a new rocket tested last month, Tass said.

Smoke screen

Tokyo (Reuters) - Japanese authorities are holding a large shipment of US cigarettes after tests showed some tobacco contained unacceptable amounts of weedkiller.

Tablet find

Baghdad (Reuters) - Iraqi archaeologists have unearthed a marble tablet in the ancient Mesopotamian city of Nineveh dating back to the mid-ninth century BC, the Baghdad Observer said.

Antiques suit

Ankara (AP) - Turkey has filed suit against the Metropolitan Museum of New York for the return of a 2,600-year-old collection of gold and silver antique pieces, a ministry official said.

Town taken

Nairobi (Reuters) - The Sudan People's Liberation Army said it had captured the strategic garrison town of Jekaw, effectively blocking the Government's dry season offensive.

Fire aid

Brussels (AP) - The EEC is to give £340,000 emergency aid to China for the victims of forest fires.



Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, right, shaking hands with a woman yesterday during his party's "Harmony with Flowers and Green" campaign in Tokyo.

South Tyrol separatists opt for bullet instead of ballot

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Bombs explode at night and bullets are flying as the Italian election campaign turns violent on the slippery mountain slopes of South Tyrol.

With the Italian Interior Ministry already worried that Red Brigades terrorists may try to stage anti-American attacks during President Reagan's visit to Italy this week, the shooting and the bombing in the north is sending shivers down Roman spines.

The Interior Minister, Signor Oscar Scalfaro, flew up to the province of South Tyrol bordering Austria and Switzerland, and, though he is now back in Rome, he is receiving daily intelligence reports. Police reinforcements ferried to the provincial capital, Bolzano, are on alert with all leave cancelled.

In the past few days there have been six attacks by terrorists fighting for the independence of South Tyrol from Italy. A police barracks was sprayed with machine-gun fire, a small bomb was thrown at a police guard office, an Italian railway workers' hostel was bombed.

There was an explosion in the Tyrolean town of Merano, electricity pylons between Merano and Bolzano were sabotaged last week and gunmen peppered with bullets a block of flats housing Italian electors.

The province, known as the Alto Adige in Italian, has been pledged autonomy several times since 1946. But Italian politicians have been predictably sluggish about giving away the province and the chances of it becoming independent - a kind of San Marino or Liechtenstein - are at best remote.

The province is represented in the Italian Parliament by the South Tyrol People's Party which collects most of the German-speakers' votes and has three out of the 630 Italian deputies. Under the leadership of Signor Silvius Magnago, aged 73, known as the "father of the Little Fatherland", the South Tyrol German-speakers managed to take a bigger share of running their affairs.

But that meant taking government jobs away from Italian-speakers, unemployment

rose sharply among them and the result is a steep increase in support for the Italian Neo-Fascists, the Italian Social Movement.

With South Tyrolean German nationalists grouped in an association called the Heimatbund, and the Italians turning to the right (the head of the local Neo-Fascists, Signor Pietro Mitolo, proudly displays the works of Mussolini on his bookshelves), the mood was bound to turn ugly.

Some of the young South Tyroleans - who have traditionally been good fighters - think that the Heimatbund is too soft and appear to have taken to arms. Their leaflets make comparisons with the Basque secessionist terror group Eta, who are trying to shoot their way free from Spain.

There have been a few scattered bombings this year, notably in a Merano hotel where the Foreign Minister, Signor Giulio Andreotti, was staying, but the election campaign has also ushered in a much more concerted and violent terrorist campaign. So far nobody has been killed.

Death of Lebanese Prime Minister The victim of a way of life

By Robert Fisk

Rashid Karami was so familiar a face, so traditional a figure - he spoke in classical rather than colloquial Arabic - that few could have imagined he would join that most mournful and distinguished of lists, upon which the names of Riad Solh, Imam Moussa Sadr, Kamal Jumblatt and Bashir Gemayel are already inscribed.

Assassination is not just an occupational hazard for Lebanese political leaders. It is, as the cliché goes, a way of life.

Mr Karami represented the rich, minority, distinctly nationalist Sunni community, an elder statesman whose elegant, if dull, speeches, delivered in a low monotone that was cruelly imitated by his Muslim friends and his Christian enemies, somehow gave a continuity to Lebanese political life.

While Druze and Shia leaders spoke of constitutional change, Mr Karami was less violently opposed to the old French power-sharing arrangements that long ago awarded the Christian Maronites the presidency of Lebanon and the Sunnis the premiership.

Even his Syrian patronage seemed to have been accepted by Lebanese parties who had long grown used to his emergence as Prime Minister at times of crisis. But perhaps that acceptance was taken too much for granted.

In the event, his murder was probably the harshest blow that could have been struck at Syria in Lebanon, far more devastating than the hundred or so little bombs that have been thrown around West Beirut since the Syrian Army returned to the Muslim sector of the city last February.

Mr Karami was a personal friend of President Assad of Syria, a willing factotum who commuted between Beirut and Damascus on the rare occasions when President Gemayel felt it necessary to treat with Syria.

When he formally resigned his premiership in despair last April, to the apparent surprise of the Syrians themselves, President Gemayel preferred to await his official letter of resignation rather than search

for a new prime minister. Yesterday's explosion on board Mr Karami's helicopter decided the issue for him.

The catalogue of possible culprits is a long one. The Christian Phalange militia had developed a peculiarly violent contempt for Mr Karami and his pro-Syrian policies. They had already warned President Gemayel that he would lose their support if he did not accept Mr Karami's resignation.

The Prime Minister had been the butt of vicious cartoons broadcast by the private Christian television station in East Beirut; along the coastline north of the city where his

and indulging one of his most frequent habits - making up policy as he went along.

When I asked him if his Government supported the Lebanese guerrillas who were besieging the Israeli occupation army in southern Lebanon, he replied at once: "They are heroes; the Government will give financial support to the families of those who have died fighting the Israelis."

He had never suggested this before; the idea simply occurred to him as he sat there at 20,000 ft en route to Syria.

But the Christians believe, not without reason, that the Syrians have little truck with friends who turn against them.

And it will probably not be long before we hear suggestions that Mr Karami died on the orders of Damascus because he would no longer work for Syria in Lebanon.

For their part, the vulnerable Sunni community will be quick to see in Mr Karami's murder the hand of the much larger Shia Muslim community, which envies the Sunnis their disproportionate wealth and power.

Many Muslims will wonder if the Israelis will use the ensuing grief and chaos to carry out some spectacular retaliation against the latest resistance attacks in southern Lebanon, and will question whether Israeli agents might have killed Mr Karami in the first place.

Yet, unlike several of his political colleagues, Mr Karami was a kindly, courteous man, with a deep sense of religious commitment.

A journalist colleague calling on him in his home town of Tripoli after a particularly brutal round of street fighting was cordially invited to accompany him to his local mosque "to pray for a ceasefire".

Mr Karami dutifully sought the assistance of the Almighty and emerged from the mosque to find the gunfire continuing.

He smiled wearily, then, with a shrug, raised both arms slightly in a friendly, hopeless gesture.

God, it seemed, was as powerless to help Lebanon as was Mr Karami.

damaged helicopter landed yesterday, there had for weeks hung banners which sarcastically proclaimed him "a citizen of Syria".

Such treachery - in extremist Christian eyes - was not easy to forgive.

"Syria is Lebanon's friend, she will always be Lebanon's friend," he said to me shortly after Lebanon annulled the unofficial peace treaty it had agreed with Israel on May 17, 1983.

He was sitting in a first class seat on a Middle East Airlines jet flying to Damascus, sipping an orange juice

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Repression spreads in Burundi

By Caroline Moorehead
A Roman Catholic priest, Father Jean-Baptiste Ndikuriyo, has been arrested for the second time in six months during a government campaign aimed at reducing the authority of the Roman Catholic Church and other missions in Burundi.

The priest was held by police on April 10 and is thought to be in Gitega prison. In recent months Catholic newspapers and radio programmes have been suppressed, religious education in schools has been forbidden and Roman Catholic councils have been banned.

According to a Minority Rights Group report on Burundi issued last week, re-

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ligious and political repression and ethnic discrimination is growing within the country.

Though human rights abuses have considerably diminished since the massacres of the majority Hutu population by the dominant and minority Tutsis in 1972 - when between 80,000 and 100,000 are estimated to have died - members of the Hutu community suspected of plotting against Tutsi control continue to be subjected to sudden arrest and prolonged detention.

Prisoners are known to have been held for long periods uncommunicated, to have been tortured at interrogation centres, and to have been held in "correction blocks" where they were deprived of food for long periods.

A group of Hutu teachers is believed to have been arrested recently over ethnic discrimination in education.

Father Ndikuriyo was detained last December and held until March this year for having read out to students a letter the Pope had written to Burundi's Roman Catholic bishops expressing regret at Government measures against the Church.

Zambezi accord guarantees survival

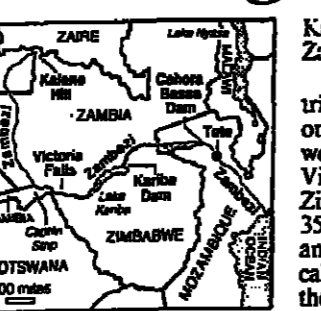
From Jan Raath Harare

The Zambezi River, Africa's fourth largest water system, has won assurance of future survival through a unique and far-reaching agreement concluded here last week.

On Thursday the governments of Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique and Botswana signed an agreement for the joint management, development and preservation of the 1,400-mile river.

"This is truly the first time that countries have come together for action for management of a river basin," said Dr Mostafa Tolba, the Egyptian director of the United Nations Environmental Programme.

The agreement went further than just the preservation of one of the world's least spoiled wilderness areas and stretched into international politics. He said, Water would soon take



its place as second to oil-based energy.

"Once there is not enough to meet the needs of tomorrow, this could cause conflicts as countries use the resource in different ways," he added.

The Zambezi, which archaeological discoveries indicate had been navigated by Arab traders as far as 300 miles inland to the Mozambique town of Tete by AD600, centuries before David Livingstone set foot in the region, has its source in a small spring on a wooded rise known as

Kalene Hill in north-west Zambia.

Fed by hundreds of major tributaries, it squeezes over one of the seven ancient wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls, in north-west Zimbabwe, at a rate of about 35,000 cubic feet a second, and moves with deceptive calm through manna pools, the centre of the middle Zambezi valley, declared a world heritage site in 1984 by Unesco for its unequalled proliferation of wildlife.

Two massive hydroelectric schemes, Kariba, straddling Zimbabwe and Zambia, and Cahora Bassa in Mozambique, block its path to its largely unexplored delta on the Indian Ocean.

Close to its banks lie huge coal deposits and viable uranium deposits, and exploration for oil is at an advanced stage. Kariba yields 40,000 tonnes of fish annually.

The 36-page Zambezi Ac-

tion Plan (Zacplan), dealing only with the general aims of intergovernmental co-operation in river use, concentrates on the controlled development of the river basin.

"It's now a river in very good working order," said Mr Dick Pitman, chairman of the Harare-based Zambezi Society involved in last week's conference. "Ignorance of major river systems has resulted in major disasters in other parts of the world."

"And the same could easily happen to the Zambezi if agriculture, mining, tourism, hydroelectricity and pollution are not carefully controlled."

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Labour manifesto a jobs destruction plan, say Tories

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Labour's manifesto amounts to a "jobs destruction package" that would throw at least a million more people out of work, the Conservatives said yesterday as they attacked the citadel of Labour's electoral appeal. Buoyed by poll evidence indicating that unemployment is no longer an undisputed vote-winner for Labour, Lord Young of Grafham, Secretary of State for Employment, was in the bullish mood, arguing that the Tories were the only party capable of keeping the jobless figures on a downward trend.

Owen hits at Tories on jobs

Dr David Owen predicted yesterday that unemployment will stay high if the Conservatives are elected for a third term. Visiting the unemployment black spot of Stockton-on-Tees, he accused the Government of cooking the books while Labour's plans, he said, would trigger higher inflation.



Mr Bryan Gould, the brains behind Labour's election campaign, puts a cheerful face on his job (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Stylish Gould projects a sharp and witty image for Labour

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

If Mr Neil Kinnock is the mouth of Labour's election campaign, Mr Bryan Gould is its brains.

As Mr Kinnock hand-pumps and nose-wipes his way around the provinces from photo-opportunity to photo-opportunity, Mr Gould is the man left in the firing line at Labour's headquarters fielding the questions from the national media. Night after night he is the man deputed to do Labour's bit on chat shows and election line-ups.

Radice admits fractions beat him

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

If having had a proper education is a necessary qualification for being the next Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mr Giles Radice, who hopes to be yesterday publicly disqualified himself.

He told a class of 12-year-olds, who were struggling through a lesson in fractions at a school in the London Borough of Merton, to be "warned by my example".

Mr Radice disclosed that because he had never been any good at fractions he had given up maths and science far too early.

It means I'm not properly educated, he told his young audience. "You're not going to give up maths and science, are you?"

Mr Radice carefully did not add that the school which had so manifestly failed to educate him was Winchester.

Blunkett goes unrecognized in Newcastle campaign visit

By Peter Davenport

"Hello," said David Blunkett meeting the workers at the J & J Clothing factory on Tyne-side yesterday. "If you don't recognize me you will know my dog. He's been on Question Time."

Steel gives cutting edge to Alliance

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr David Steel unveiled the new "cutting edge" of the Alliance yesterday, accusing Mrs Thatcher of harbouring "Cabinet boot boys who are kicking in the windows of the welfare state".

Adopting vivid rhetoric in an attempt to rekindle a flagging campaign, the Liberal leader issued a statement after visiting a Birmingham comprehensive and a Kidderminster hospital in which he said he had "seen at first hand the appalling problem they faced after eight years of a government which doesn't care".

The Tories had shut village schools, alienated teachers and failed to provide the desperately needed skilled workforce.

In health the Tories had let waiting lists grow, shut wards and cut services while "their City slicker friends have made a packet out of private health care".

Mr Steel's tone contrasted with his comments earlier in the day when he had denied that the Alliance would indulge in "shouting and denigration".

Two faces of Oxford that may put a Conservative-held seat at risk

The tourist travelling between the ancient and beautiful cities of Oxford and Bath, were he to take any interest in contemporary British politics, might be excused some confusion. In each city the Conservative interest is being defended by a Mr Patten, both in their early 40s and both junior ministers in the last Government.



Mr John Patten: Vulnerable to attack on housing.

As befits a man who served until recently in the Department of the Environment, Mr Patten is emphasizing the need to reconcile conservation with job creation. But because his main responsibility was housing he is vulnerable to charges that the Government has failed to ensure an adequate supply of accommodation for lower-paid workers and students.

Mr Christopher Kuhne, the young economics editor of The Guardian, is hoping to pick up votes in the city itself, where the Alliance won two seats in last month's district elections, and to squeeze the residual Labour vote.

Since the closure of the MG factory in Abingdon there has been little or no industry in the constituency and last Friday evening the Transport and General Workers' Union office, which houses the Labour campaign headquarters, was closed.

Leave the dreaming spires behind and cross Magdalen Bridge into the eastern part of the city and the whole character and appearance of the place changes sharply. Head down the Cowley Road and you could be in any industrial town, with grimy streets, tatty shops and redbrick terraces.

This is very much a marginal seat, of just the kind which Labour must win from the Tories if it hopes to form the next Government. Mr Steven Norris's majority is the twelfth smallest in the country and he will need all the help he can get from the busy group of women, including his mother, busting around the Cowley Conservative Club.

Mr Andrew Smith, the Labour candidate, is a local councillor with a particular interest in housing, education and the provision of better recreational facilities. He is also emphasizing the rapidly rising crime rate and promising that a Labour government will make homes safer from intruders with grants for extra locks on doors and windows.

Blunkett goes unrecognized in Newcastle campaign visit

By Peter Davenport

He visits a local factory which has developed in 13 years from an initial workforce of 16 to employ 1,300 people with a turnover of £26 million and is now one of the largest in the country, its head, Mrs Jennifer Rosenberg, was recently voted "Businesswoman of the Year" and it is the type of concern the Prime Minister loves to point out as benefiting from her economic policies.

Although he acknowledges the success of Labour's campaign organization, he is disdainful of the portable telephones that the Labour hierarchy now seem to be permanently attached to as they criss-cross the country. His one concession to the new technology of the hustings is to carry a "bleep" connecting him to the party's Watworth Road headquarters. It goes off almost the minute he steps off the train from Sheffield at Newcastle station. A phone call told him that he was wanted that evening to stand in for Mr Bryan Gould on a Central Television programme in Birmingham.

His first engagement was a

large extent subsidized by taxpayers and often by taxpayers who are forced to send their children to inferior schools — Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's Deputy Leader. I have added additional jobs — well over a thousand for instance — under Mrs Thatcher's Government by the creation and starting up of the London Daily News for which I must pay credit to her. It had not been for her stand on trade union legislation I could not have done it — Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher and chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers.

Oxford West & Abingdon

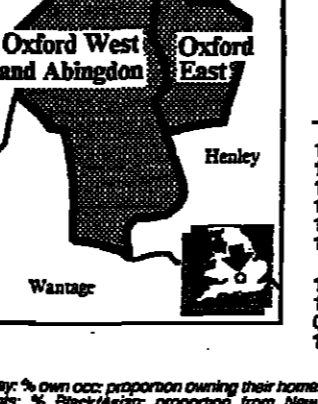
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Oxford East

CANDIDATES S. Norris (C) A.D. Smith (Lab) Mrs M. Godden (L/All) M. Dalton (Gm)

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1983 General Election: Norris, S (C) 18,808; Smith, A D (Lab) 17,541; Godden, Mrs M (L/All) 10,680; Maj 1,267. Key: % Own occ: proportion owning their homes; % Loc Auth: proportion of council tenants; % Black/Asian: proportion from New Commonwealth or Pakistan; % Mid cl: proportion of non-manual workers; % Prof man: proportion of higher management.

Marathon man surveys the field

This is the 14th general election to be fought by Lord Hailsham, the Lord High Chancellor. He spoke to Bryan Appleyard about the people and policies encountered over more than 50 years in politics

The impending Tory election victory will be the latest step on the long road that began at Marathon—22 miles north-east of Athens—where Miltiades defeated the invading Persians in 490 BC.

"The tradition to which I am deeply loyal and with which I am most closely bound up is freedom under the law," Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone explains. "This is what is called western civilization. It's had its martyrs and its reverses but it is the tradition which began at the Battle of Marathon and has gone on continuously ever since. It is the guiding light of western European nations. And, yes, I think the Tory party is the defender of that tradition."

In the midst of what he calls "the feast of unreason" that is an election campaign, the Lord High Chancellor is the man for the long range perspective. He will be 80 in October. Mountain-climbing in earlier years has left him with two badly arthritic ankles but, apart from that, the Hailsham mind and body are remarkably intact and still perched happily on top of Olympus.

From there he will fight for the Tories in his 14th election campaign, out-name-dropping everybody in sight and arguing furiously for the continuity of Conservative tradition. For the one thing he does repeatedly deny about the Prime Minister is that she is anything new.

"The radical Tory proposals are based on formulae which long pre-existed Margaret Thatcher. The idea that Thatcherism is something new is quite untrue. I advocated publicly organized so-

cial services and privately organized industry when I was a Tory reformer in 1944—and that seems to me a perfectly valid interpretation of contemporary policy. The really novel feature of the last eight years has been the process of de-nationalization."

Hailsham believes in gradual evolutionary change in the law. In politics, however, "Copernican revolutions" may sometimes be necessary. Specifically in the post-war era, at least one was needed to

On Tory policy . . .

'The idea that Thatcherism is something new is quite untrue'

reverse the ratchet effect of socialism.

"So long as the Labour Party sticks to Clause 4 of its constitution, which calls for common ownership of all—all—the means of production, distribution and exchange, then you can have these cases of Conservative government, like Macmillan's, which may stop the process. But then it goes on again, in the course of the swing of the pendulum. That is the ratchet effect. . . I forget who invented that phrase."

So the Butskellite consensus was powerless? "You couldn't hold things back. Gaitskill tried to get out of that hole but he couldn't. He said he would fight, fight and fight again for the party that he loved. Curious love affair.



Democracy's champion: "The tradition with which I am most closely bound is freedom under the law"

I think he was a battered husband." He bursts into laughter. This involves violent wheezing noises and energetic whooping movements combined with a delighted grin at his own wit.

The Thatcher revolution, therefore, arose from a realization that you had to do more than simply stop socialism, you had to reverse its progress. So, for Hailsham, it is the enthusiasm and determination of her actions, not her originality of thought, that makes her distinctive. It is an interpretation that allows him to remain loyal to almost all the leaders with whom he has worked. "You couldn't find three more different personalities than Macmillan, Heath and Thatcher. But I've worked ami-

cably under all of them, and I admire them all."

The missing name, of course, is that of Sir Alec Douglas-Home, who won the Tory leadership in 1963 and lost the election in 1964 after Hailsham had been nominated as the rightful successor by Macmillan himself. If he had won would the Thatcher Revolution have come earlier, and been known as the Hogg Revolution?

"It would have been very different, not because of what I would have done but because I think a third defeat in 1964 would have caused the Labour Party to break up. There would have been a regrouping among Liberals, moderate socialists and some people on the left of the Tory

Party. I think it would have resulted in a reversion to what I believe to be the norm for a free parliamentary democracy."

So will Labour break up if there is a third defeat this time round? "I certainly hope so. But I think they were much nearer then than they are now."

And the Alliance? "Well, of course, you can't impose a two-party system on a free country. But it is noticeable in successful parliamentary democracies that a high proportion have tended towards two parties. They have also possessed a stable and powerful executive. The proponents of various forms of electoral reform overlook the need for a strong executive. The point is it must

work and I don't see anything undemocratic in any particular system of voting."

Hailsham is a pivotal figure. The Thatcher Revolution cannot be radical forever and, as she heads for a third term, his historical perspective provides an acceptable way for the Tory Party to once again lapse into its old role of being "the natural party of government". Even his abuse seems to have a high quality brass-and-mahogany tone in contrast to the hi-tech mud-slinging of Norman Tebbit.

On Shirley Williams: "I think she was the most disastrous education minister this century, poor darling—though she has other virtues." (More wheezing.)

On Denis Healey: "A piratical old bruiser with a first-class mind and very bad manners."

On those who left the Cabinet, upset by the Thatcher style: "Per-

the old school of Tory grandees amid the hard-faced new boys? "When I first came to wake up in politics in 1922, *The Eton College Chronicle* would publish the names of Old Etonians in the Cabinet—and there were far too many. That doesn't mean we ought to be second-class citizens—we've got something to say. We are all members of a minority of one sort or another. I'm a member of the Church of England, an Old Etonian, an Oxford graduate and a member of the Rifle Brigade and I'm proud of all of them."

But to raise the authentic old Tory cry, the true, the vintage Quintin Hogg, all you need to do is raise the issue of defence, the one overwhelming priority, he believes, of any country. "The plain and ugly fact is that, since the Labour Party conference of 1986, they have been committed to putting us in the same position as Afghanistan before the Soviet invasion. It must never be forgotten that nuclear weapons have been used, and used twice. They were used by a party which was winning a war anyhow against a party which was losing that war. They were not used as a last resort."

"The thing is that no potential aggressor ever started a war in the belief that it would be a long one. He starts a war when he thinks it will be a walk-over. And it is no good talking of unemployment if you're not going to live to be unemployed." (Much wheezing.)

Hailsham sits at an ancient desk at the head of an ancient conference table. Even he is dwarfed by the immense office, with its three tall windows overlooking the Thames. All the picture needs to turn it into the perfect Victorian illustration of the evening of a long career are the spectres of his now dead contemporaries—Beveridge and Macmillan, Atlee and Churchill—peering over his hunched shoulders at the papers on which he is working. In the Hailsham mind, they were all fellow travellers on the long road from Marathon.

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On defence . . .

'It must never be forgotten that nuclear weapons have been used twice'

haps they're not as used to dealing with women as I am."

On the new Labour Party: "The old school was cloth-capped, basically, and none of these new chaps are. They've all had secondary education, thanks to Rab Butler, and some have even got university degrees." (Violent wheezing.)

As for the Prime Minister herself, he is not willing to commit himself on the question of greatness—"that's for after the curtain falls, not while the play is still in progress"—but he likes her for the simple reason that "she's been very good to me and I should be both disloyal and ungrateful if I said anything else".

But isn't he a loner in the Cabinet, a last representative of

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Turning the air blue

The talk in Sheffield is that guide dog Ted, who leads David Blunkett around his prospective Labour stronghold, stands a better chance of winning the seat than Tory hopeful Mary Glyn.

Up against a Labour majority of 15,000-plus and trailing a further 3,000 behind the Alliance, 24-year-old Glyn is the first to admit that it will take little short of a miracle for her to win the Brightside seat.

But, canvassing against the odds in an area where the landscape is dotted with deserted factories and where unemployment runs way above the average, the youngest woman Tory candidate in this election remains undaunted by the hostility that inevitably comes her way. "You tend to think you've got off lightly if they just say

Campaigning in a hostile Labour stronghold with the youngest Tory woman candidate

no with a withering glare," says Mary, who learnt to combat male chauvinism as one of 11 girls in the sixth form at Eton, and who came to understand something of the Yorkshire mentality when she was studying politics and economics at university in York. "When they attack the Prime Minister I simply say 'Vote for me, not her'." Her daily round of canvassing begins with a drive

through an area where many of the houses are boarded up, and covered in graffiti. The only sign of colour is the rash of bright red Blunkett posters, which appeared when election fever first took hold. "No one dares put a Tory poster in the window," Glyn says.

She tells the story of the old woman who lives near her campaign headquarters at the Blackburn and Wincobank Conservative Club, where party stalwarts sit drinking Stones bitter and a faded Christmas card from Number 10 rests on the mantelpiece. "She has voted Conservative all her life. But every year she sticks up a Labour poster. One year she put up one of ours, and someone put a brick through the window."

Glyn, whose father Dr Alan Glyn is one of the Tories' most enduring back-benchers as well as being a successful barrister, has forsaken the luxury of her parents' Cadogan Place home and is living with her agent Christine Smith during the campaign. She wears Marks & Spencer clothes and drives a battered, bright yellow 14-year-old BMW.

Mary insists on visiting every home, but considers the terraces with their new stone cladding to be the best prospects, because these are the people who have bought their council houses. "Sometimes I feel as if there's a Yorkshire terrier waiting to savage me in every house," she says, as a group of unemployed youngsters on a street corner hurl abuse. "People can be pretty brusque. They just look at you and walk off or they die laughing. "A lot of people just vote Labour because they have

'No one dares put a Tory poster in the window'

always voted Labour. Luckily, I enjoy knocking on doors and chatting to people." A typical attitude from voters is: "I like David Blunkett but I don't like what the Labour Party has been doing in London." Although blind from birth, Blunkett has risen to be a member of Labour's NEC and is a restraining voice in Sheffield socialism.

Despite some controversial policies like cheap bus fares at the ratepayers' expense, Sheffield has so far avoided the label of "loony left". But Mary sees it as her job to ensure that she, and not Alliance candidate John Leeman, picks up the disaffected vote.

Back at the club, she sneaks us in by the back entrance. "I don't want anyone to know I'm Conservative, it's not safe around here." She is only half joking.

Ruth Gledhill



'Sometimes I feel as if there's a Yorkshire terrier waiting to savage me in every house' — Mary Glyn out canvassing

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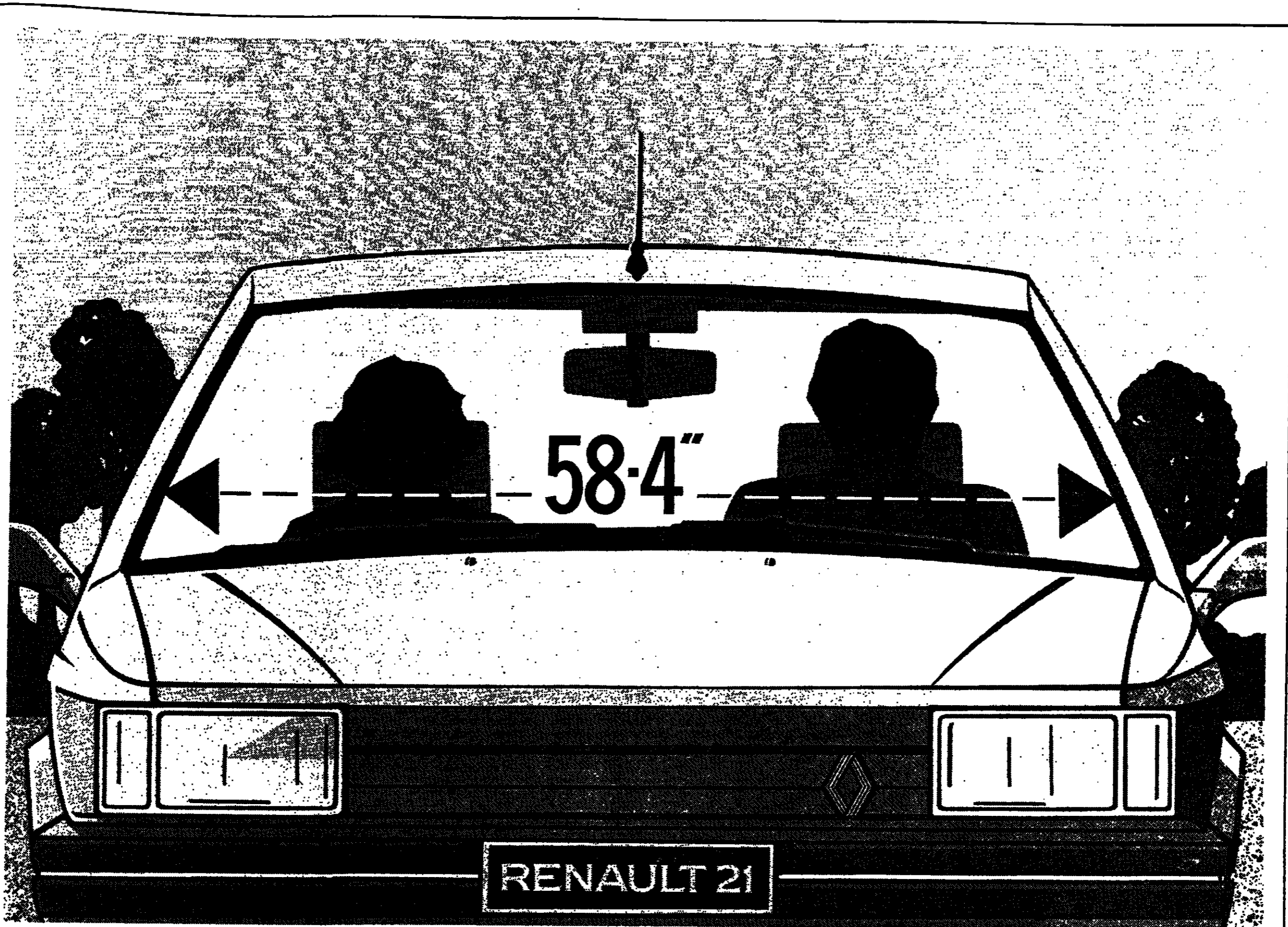
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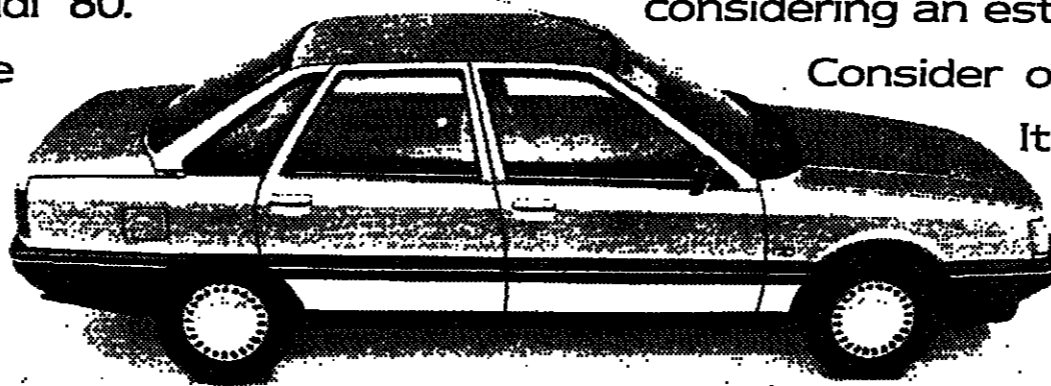
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Room at the Yard

Barely eight weeks before Peter Imbert becomes the new Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police there has been no announcement of who will become his deputy. The Home Office is having difficulty finding someone to take the Number Two job at Scotland Yard, although the position carries a salary of around £40,000. One reason could be that the deputy is unlikely to follow Imbert into the top job — and that is because the man tipped to succeed Imbert and head the Yard in the 1990s is Geoffrey Dear, currently chief officer of the West Midlands, who is thought to want to stay in the Black Country for a bit longer. Dear, meanwhile, has just put his name to the sale of prints of a painting depicting his force's clash with rioters at Birmingham St Andrews football ground in 1985. The prints are being sold by the Police Federation for £1.35 each to raise funds for charity. West Midlands police say Dear agreed to sign each print because the riot marked a turning point in the force's history — after it both manning and equipment levels increased.

Suspense

Sleepy old Bexhill and Battle has ensured that its residents will not get over-excited on election night. The De La Warr pavilion, where the count takes place, was booked some time ago by the local amateur operatic and drama society for its latest production, so the



constituency will be among the 50 or so — mainly far-flung rural communities — where counting will start the following morning. Charles Wardle, the Tory candidate and Terry Wogan look-alike, shouldn't worry: his majority last time was nearly 20,000. And the opera? *My Fair Lady*.

Haggis hash

Celebrations in Tokyo tonight of British Caledonian's first non-stop flight to Japan nearly came adrift because of Japanese uncertainty about the nature of haggis. Customs men at Narita airport were confounded by 36 of the beasties sent out last week as the centrepiece of a lavish Scottish night, complete with bagpipes, for diplomats and businessmen hosted by Sir Adam Thomson, BCal's chairman. Unable to decide whether haggis is animal, vegetable or mineral, the authorities put them in quarantine, only releasing them yesterday in the nick of time for dinner. The Japanese might be sorry that they did alter tonight.

Doctors divided

The Nobel prize-winning peace group, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, is facing a revolt at its annual conference in Moscow this week. A small breakaway group calling itself the Renaissance Group of Physicians and Health Workers has been formed, convinced that the IPPNW should dabble less in politics and concentrate on medical problems caused by poverty and unemployment. But IPPNW practises the peace: it was one of the Renaissance founders, Roy Rowland, a lifelong pacifist and Second World War conscientious objector, has gone to the conference to recruit members.

While Militant always maintains it has supporters rather than members, it is, in fact, at least sufficiently organized to field a cricket team this summer in an unofficial league that includes Tribune, Aces and the TUC.

Epstein or bust

At yesterday's rather tepid birthday party at the Abbey Road studios to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Sgt Pepper, I detected another sign of the burgeoning Brian Epstein industry. The manuscript of Ray Coleman's biography of the Beatles' manager, who committed suicide a few days after Sgt Pepper's release, is almost with the publisher and Philip Norman, author of *Shout!*, the best Beatles book, is at work on a screenplay based on the Liverpool businessman's early life. Curiously, Epstein's name was not among the list of the absent friends — John Lennon, art dealer Robert Fraser, photographer Michael Cooper and Beatles' road manager Mal Evans — intoned by artist Peter Blake, who received a special presentation from Paul McCartney for his work on the Sgt Pepper cover. For his part, McCartney said that 20 years ago his preoccupations were an end to apartheid and the achievement of world peace. "I hope that in another 20 years' time there's better progress to report."

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Robert Kilroy-Silk contrasts today's soft image with 1984 venom

Thorns on the Labour rose



Louise Christian (back row, second from left): hoping to ride to victory on Kinnock's coat-tails. Beside him: Jo Richardson

1984: 'We have all got to be prepared to break the law'

She stands behind Neil Kinnock. It's a lovely picture, this glossy photograph in the election issue of *Labour Party News* of the party leader seated with his happy band of women candidates, all smiling and clutching red roses. It could almost have come from a family album. It's Labour's new warm face.

But is it real? Not as far as Louise Christian, solicitor, associate and legal representative of the Merseyside Militants, and candidate for Henden South, is concerned. She smiles for the camera now, but she wore a different visage at the 1984 Labour conference in Blackpool. Then she could be seen screaming abuse at the police, attacking Neil Kinnock, and encouraging defiance of the law.

You might remember her. She was the young lady who contradicted Neil's suggestion that during the coal strike the police had been the meat in the sandwich with the screaming assertion that the police "are the salmonella poisoning in the sandwich," and added that they are "blatantly politically biased."

It was the same woman who insisted "as a lawyer," that Neil's injunction not to break the law was "absolute rubbish". Everything that "we in the Labour Party and the trade union movement have gained", she claimed, displaying a typical ignorance of

postwar history, "is through breaking the law." And she went on, "if we want to stand up for our class, we have all got to be prepared to break the law."

She urged delegates to stand with the miners, the Greenham Common women and those in local authorities "who are standing up against the law." She defended her attitude by claiming that "it is a class system of justice, and we in the Labour Party want no part of it."

Nor was violence condemned. "You cannot condemn all violence without fear or favour because the violence of the state is not comparable to the attempts of the provoked to fight back." (Applause). So, presumably, the violence perpetrated by the pickets against the police — the state — was justifiable.

I wonder why she is in the Labour Party and standing as one of its candidates. It cannot be an easy and happy home for such revolutionary views. They would be more comfortable in one of the far left fringe sects. Or is it, perhaps, that she, like so many others of her ilk, are ready to use the Labour Party and its respectable leaders and decent traditions while apparently despising and abusing both?

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votes. So does everyone like her. They are ready to dissociate themselves from the party leadership and to castigate its best instincts and principles when playing to the conference gallery or courting constituency fanatics, but they undergo a dramatic metamorphosis when they realize they can get elected only under Labour's colours and on Neil Kinnock's coat-tails. I wonder, for example, if she tells the people of Henden South about the poisonous police, the need to be prepared to break the law, and how political and industrial violence can be justified.

Neil, of course, cannot be held responsible for the political views of everyone with whom he is photographed. Or can he? Perhaps he should. It is he, after all, who helped to endorse them, who has to answer for them, and who will rely on their loyalty and support in Parliament. It is he, too, who seems to know enough about them to be able confidently to assert that the zealots and extremists are in a minority and without influence.

He cannot say that about Jo Richardson. She sits serenely and innocently be-rosed beside him in the same photograph, as befits a member of the shadow cabinet. Like Louise Christian, she has a lot of personal charm, and she too has some peculiar views on the police. At the same Blackpool conference she could be heard complaining that the police had

been "harassing miners on the picket line" instead of dealing with crime elsewhere. The clear implication was that the working miners should have been left unprotected to run the gauntlet of picket violence. The implication was made explicit by her complaint that the police were protecting "scab cleaners" at Barking Hospital from the threats and taunts of strikers.

Yet while she suggests that those citizens who choose to exercise their legal right to work during a strike should not have police protection, she does not believe that the police have no role to play in industrial disputes. There "might be occasions when strikers themselves need protection." And she sits alongside Neil.

Those views, like those of Louise Christian, have greatly damaged the Labour Party and are totally unacceptable to the majority of Labour voters. Yet many of their proponents will be elected, on the tide of Neil Kinnock's honour. It's his smile and obvious decency that people will be voting for. But often it is the snarl and venom of the likes of Louise Christian that they will get.

Neil says that such people are few and on the margins of the party, its mere tassels and fringes. Let's hope so. To many they look more like the wolf and wamp. The author was a Labour MP, 1974-86.

Allan Massie regrets television's stage-managed election coverage

Jumping to the party whip

When a politician makes a speech in this election campaign, the real audience is in millions of sitting rooms, not in the hall; indeed that audience is itself part of the act. The effect on the screen of his visits to factories, supermarkets and old people's homes is the important thing; the effect on those visited matters much less.

To their credit, those in charge of the Labour campaign have realized this. Mr Kinnock's rallies have been organized with the razzmatazz which Mr Cyril Smith finds missing from the Alliance performance.

Mr Kinnock is of course speaking to the faithful in his meetings, and once upon a time that would have seemed a dissipation of energy, except for its inspirational value for party morale.

Now the reverse is true. The more committed the audience in the hall already is, the more it becomes a partner in the show being put on for the cameras. The intention of these rallies is to show the party on a great swelling wave. It is rather like a Band Aid concert, directed far beyond those actually present, and turning the live audience into accomplices. The show would lose half its meaning, or even more, if it was not timed to catch the main evening news. All the parties play the same game, aiming to implant their chosen image on the viewer.

Probably the first criticism of television's treatment of the election is that it has allowed the parties to dictate the way it is portrayed. One sees why, if television did that, it would be in trouble. Indeed it sometimes seems that television can deal with a story only after it has broken in the press. Then it can ask politicians how they react to it, and question them closely. But — at least at election times — it is inhibited from uncovering it.

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Confusion permeates news programmes. A serious newspaper makes a clear distinction between news and features, between reporting, comment and analysis; the distinction is so clear that they usually appear on different pages. Television ignores this distinction. News bulletins offer a jumble of facts, opinions and speculations. An interview with a poli-

man to political language, which is to question its sincerity.

They have to accept, for instance, the pretence that a government is in control of events; if they did not, the whole show would seem less significant. The deep scepticism of the ordinary man and woman is not for them. They may think they are testing the politicians, but in their hearts they are using them, and that they too are their accomplices.

It may be a television election, but, if so, it is because television, not the public, chooses to let it be that. In the past fortnight I have met no one unconnected with the media or a political party who did not express profound and often angry boredom with television's obsession with the election.

"Why can't they give us the real news?" is a common question. No doubt that has become a thing to say. No doubt it may to some extent be discounted. Yet, for future elections, television and politicians might take note.

It is not simply, I think, because there has been an excess of election stuff on the screens that this attitude is common. The perception that election news is not "real news" is significant.

The phrase may be loosely employed, but it goes, consciously or unconsciously, to the heart of the matter. Most election news is not real news, because it is news that has been manufactured precisely for television. It reports events that would not take place if the cameras weren't there. People sense this: it bores them and they dislike it.

It is natural that political commentators, whether in the press or on television, should share the politicians' excitement at election time. It is easy to get caught up in the show. It would be a bad thing for democracy if the Dimblebys and Days encouraged the contempt for politicians that already exists among the general public.

We do not want to find ourselves in a society like France of the first and fourth republics, in which decent people automatically regarded politicians as rogues, buffoons and crooks. Politicians are necessary, most of them are well-meaning, and it is a good thing if we are able to respect them. Nevertheless, a sensible person takes their promises with a hefty pinch of salt and can very quickly have too much of them.

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Ben Pimlott

Jobless: the Tory myths

So far Labour has fought a good defensive campaign of a kind that will earn it paenonising praise, win or lose, on June 12. But it has failed to focus attention on the issue that has always provided the most solid reason for voting for Mr Kinnock and rejecting the government: unemployment.

This failure may be excused. Labour's rear-guard action, unexpectedly, has turned the election from a dreary wake into a battle with some excitement and more than a whiff of political change. Yet the new, infectious mood that has turned many don't-knows into Labour supporters and knocked the Liberals and SDP out of the ring has little to do with arguments on policy. It is mainly an emotion: a desire to restore a sense of community, combined with revulsion at the self-satisfaction of the Thatcher gang.

What has yet to be convincingly conveyed is a sense that Labour could and would transform the social landscape. Here, the Tory disinflation campaign has been astonishingly successful. Mrs Thatcher has presided over the biggest and most protracted rise in unemployment of the century. The public has long seen unemployment as the worst problem facing the nation. Yet last week's MORI poll shows the Tories almost catching up Labour as the party seen to have the best policies to deal with it.

Also published last week was a pamphlet by Lord Harris of High Cross called *Myths on Unemployment* cited in this column by another Thatcher-created peer, Woodrow Wyatt, as if it were a serious study. "The official statistics of unemployment are an amalgam of individuals in many widely differing human conditions, of which at least half may not be seriously seeking work," claims Lord Harris. "The headline '3 million' is neither a true indication of social distress, nor a useful measure of idle resources."

Such a piece of propaganda (issued by the right-wing front organization, Aims of Industry) would not be worth mentioning if it were not a significant pointer. Governments usually prefer to keep quiet about their shortcomings. The Harris pamphlet, issued at the height of an election, with every indication of approval from Central Office, is an indication of bravado — a reminder that Labour confronts a widespread belief among electors that the seriousness of unemployment is exaggerated, and that anyway the problem is solving itself. For serious inroads to be made into the Tory vote, Labour needs effectively to challenge this.

The numbers game can give hours of fun on a pocket calculator. Lord Harris avoids mentioning that, by 1979 methods of counting, 3.5 million, not 3 million, are out of work; that the total number who have experienced unemployment since 1983 (according to the Department of Employment) is between 6 and 7 million; that the Labour Force

Survey, which is his own main source, gives an estimated figure of 5.3 million people (including non-claimants) who would take work if it were offered them.

Yet the precise total is not important in itself because unemployment is a fuzzy concept: people who are in work can be more sharply affected than others who are temporarily on the dole. A taxi driver with a PhD may be as much a victim as a man propping up a street corner. Global figures give, at best, a minimum sum of human misery.

At this election, what matters most is the direction in which the figures may be moving. "Unemployment is not the curse it was," writes Woodrow Wyatt, echoing Harris, "and is falling by 25,000 a month." This is the "myth of unemployment" that needs to be nailed. Much of the apparent drop over the past 10 months can be explained by switches in categories of benefit, by the imposition on would-be claimants of a new "availability for work" test, and by the government's own special programmes which, when they end, dump most of their graduates back on the dole. Two thirds of the supposed million extra jobs the government claims to have created are part-time. Growth in new jobs, even by the official reckoning, has slowed — and in recent months the number of notified vacancies has remained steady.

The lack of solid evidence of anything more than a paper change in the numbers out of work makes nonsense of Lord Young's implied suggestion that, if left to itself, the economy may generate 900,000 jobs as quickly as Labour promises to create a million. It also requires a Labour attack.

The Labour Party has been restrained, almost shy, about its planned major redistribution in favour of the poor — perhaps fearing that it may be interpreted as extremism. Yet this has always been its most important plank. Its scheme for a public sector-led expansion of jobs, independent of any economic recovery programme, is the essence of the kind of socialism people understand and approve.

Instead of adding to the cacophony of political noise on every conceivable topic, Labour needs, by remorseless repetition, to make the central issue in this campaign the division of Britain into two nations — the securely employed and the rest, not all of whom may actually be out of work — an army of insecure, marginal, unprotected and frequently poverty-stricken outsiders.

Including pensioners, 16 million adults now subsist below the EEC's "decency threshold" of 1.4 times supplementary benefit. In the remaining days, Labour should describe, explore and analyse a matter that affects the life of every voter. A final, aggressive onslaught on a government that has scandalously neglected this tragedy for so long could still prove decisive.

however... Henry Stanhope

My upbeat day on the Downs

I shall not be attending the Derby this year. I went once, and have never returned. It was not that I lost any money. It was simply that I never saw the race.

My idea of going to the Derby was that one sat in a sand not unadjacent to a champagne bar, where, at no doubt exorbitant cost, one might combine the pleasures of the turf with those of Moët et Chandon; watching Europe's thoroughbreds, like the Queen and the Princess of Wales, through a handsome pair of Boots the Chemist's binoculars.

When I told a friend, however, he airily brushed the idea aside. "No no, old man," he said, "Don't do that. You want to stand on the Epsom Downs, among the real people of London, surrounded by jellied eel stalls, coconut shies and bookies. Take my tip." So I did.

I knew it was a mistake, of course. Once, when in Singapore, I was on my way to dine in an excellent Indian restaurant in the city centre when I was apprehended by an American in the lobby of my hotel.

"No," he said, "You don't want to go there. That's just an over-priced tourist trap. You want to go where the real Indians of Singapore eat!" — and he directed me towards the Indian quarter. The lamps grew fewer and the streets, not unnaturally, darker as I followed his advice. Eventually I entered what can only be described as the Singapore-Indian version of a transport café.

There, as I gloomily picked my way through the skin and bone of a scrawny chicken limb, surrounded by watchful eyes, I realized that the "real Indians" who manifestly ate there did so because they could not afford to eat anywhere else — like the tourist trap in town.

One could have done almost anything on the Downs that day — except see very much of the racing.

After some reconnoitering I positioned myself in one of the less frequented parts of the Downs, between the Salvation Army and a temperance tent, behind two Arabis shorter than myself. From that vantage point I seemed well-placed for at least the occasional glimpse of a jockey's cap.

What I had not bargained for was that, immediately after the "off" in the first race of the day, the Arabs in front of me would be so overcome by excitement that they would start to jump up and down.

Responding to this challenge, I began to jump up and down myself, synchronizing my movements so that when they were down I was up, and vice versa. By this means I was able to achieve a continuous if rather strained view of the 2.15, or whatever it was. Having worked out a *modus operandi* I then gathered strength for the Derby.

But it was not to be. Sure enough, as soon as Europe's premier race began, the Arabs in front started dancing up and down, and me with them.

There was too much, however. For a large gentleman standing just behind us, he had positioned himself there intending to use his height to some advantage. To be, as it were, out-inched by a trio of over-athletic punters had tried his patience beyond endurance.

He was a "real Londoner", who had spent some time in the champagne bar, tasting the Newcastle Brown *Père et Fils*. Roaring with indignation he reached for the nearest offender, and that person was me.

I beat as orderly a retreat as was possible under the circumstances, past the jellied eel stalls and the fortune tellers' tents, the bookmakers, sword swallowers, fire-eaters and other manifestations of the countryside outside London in the summer... As I cantered across open ground a huge cheer went up, to denote that the Derby was over.

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THE ARTS

The way we were not so long ago

Britain's own visionaries

It was Paul Kanter of the rock group Jefferson Airplane who said that if you could remember the Sixties you were not really there.

TELEVISION

middle-class tribes grinning stupidly on dope, of flowers gently inserted into rifle barrels, of anti-Vietnam marches in Washington and London, of Afro hair-dos and twanging sitars; and - most evocative image of all - four Liverpool lads in floral kaftans, in the first global television hook-up, singing to the world that love is all you need.

Granada's two-hour look at Sixties mythology cleverly took one year, 1967, and one event, the recording of the Beatles' Sgt Pepper album, as its focus.

The programme itself, without ever foundering, was sometimes lost at sea. It cast its net so wide - an Oldham grandmother crocheting a miniskirt, a Dutch anarchist adrift on an ecological raft - that it called attention to its inevitable omissions.

The problem lay in treating the Sgt Pepper album lyrics as if they were a visionary manifesto when, really, they were no more - and no less - than an anthology of Lennon's and McCartney's latest songs. There was another problem. John Sheppard, co-producer and director, contributed a commentary that plodded heavily behind the fascinating pictures.

Michael Dean

The National Ballet of Canada is to pay its first visit to London for eight years, performing for a week at the Coliseum from June 30. The repertoire consists of George Balanchine's Serenade and Glen Tetley's Alice.

It is seldom one encounters an exhibition with weight as well as mass. A Paradise Lost: The Neo-Romantic Imagination in Britain 1935-1955, at the Barbican Art Gallery until July 19, is one of the happy few.

Obviously, on one level it sets out to draw renewed attention to the whole "Neo-Romantic" movement in British painting during the Second World War, hailed at the time as an important sign of new vitality in the arts of beleaguered Britain.

slightly sinister British countryside, in the visionary gleam of Blake and, even more, his followers Palmer and Calvert, rediscovered in the Twenties by the young Graham Sutherland and his fellow students. There are also, naturally enough, elements of international Surrealism (the great British Surrealist show took place in 1936) and of the highly-charged Picasso of the Thirties. But the overall impression created is one of looking inward rather than - the great post-war charge against the Neo-Romantics - looking away, indulging in frilly fantasizing to escape the harsh realities of the war.

This is where the real weight of the exhibition comes. It is not just about a group of painters, however talented, but as its subtitle indicates, about a whole movement of the imagination. Mellor is at his most persuasive when, in the exhibition itself and in the excellent book it has spawned

GALLERIES

A Paradise Lost Barbican

Lady Butler: Battle Artist National Army Museum

cut; and there was little sense in Gavin Grainger's and John Mortimer's programme of an intimate tribute to the boss. What we saw was an apostolic succession of England's greatest actors from Burbage to Olivier, punctuated with some jolly numbers by Richard Stilgoe and Marc Wilkinson, and narrated by Graham Crowden, as a frustrated Hamlet, and Albert Finney, as a laid-back comic in a cocked hat.

The parade got under way with Burbage lecturing the Globe company, only to have the scene stolen from him by a pained Peter Hall, with a ruff over his dinner suit, looking uncannily like the Droeshout portrait of Shakespeare hearing his lines mangled. Ben Kingsley's drunken Kean obliged with the opening of Richard III complete with the gab about the even drunker Buckingham.



Sir Laurence at his own gala

THEATRE

Happy Birthday, Sir Larry! Olivier

What is needed, Sir Peter Hall observed, on the occasion of a previous South Bank festival, "is not originality, but the obvious, very well done". Following that recipe, the National Theatre marked the most celebrated eightieth birthday in living memory with champagne, balloons, glitter-dust, bands and the guest of honour's daughter, bursting out of a large white cake.

The other guests, who had paid £30 a time, with proceeds going to the combined theatrical charities, stood and burst into unquenchable applause as the frail old gentleman, who remains an unsurpassed emblem of theatrical courage and virility, took his seat in the house that bears his name but which has never seen him in action.

The birthday entertainment that followed was not what it would have been in the days of the Old Vic. It involved plenty of survivors from Waterloo Road but the link has been

(£9.95), he links the imagery and ideas of the painters with contemporary styles of imaginative writing, and for that matter even unpretentious reporting and documentary, with photography, with the cinema (Michael Powell is unmistakably a key figure here), with book and magazine illustration and with shifts in popular culture, as exemplified particularly by the tremendous, non-high-brow vogue for ballet.

Taking it all together, it becomes impossible to dismiss the period as irresponsibly escapist. In his films, his paintings and his poetry, Humphrey Jennings (an artist, oddly unrepresented) pointed out very clearly that the blitz had made the weird imaginings of the Surrealists a sober reality. And it is not surprising that the style of the war-artist work of Piper and Sutherland is indistinguishable from that of their art of alleged Romantic escape. The recurrent images of a dark and tangled wood, of nature red in tooth and claw and of everyday scenes suffused with existential unease are surely unmistakable responses to the strange atmosphere of wartime Britain, a perfectly legitimate way of expressing doubts and fears and insecurities in the cryptic but readable language of art. And, if there is also a tendency to look to a specifically British past for reassurance and a sense of continuity, that too is dark and brooding and beset, with

CONCERT

RPO/Ashkenazy Festival Hall

Vladimir Ashkenazy celebrated his first London concert with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra since he was appointed its music director by indulging in a panoply of instrumental colour to open and close his programme on Sunday night with works by Ravel.

Alborada del gracioso is the most Spanish of the pieces first composed as Mirrors for piano, and Ravel's much later orchestration of it depends for effect on rhythm as well as sonority. This the conductor blended from the outset, with a fine transparency as well as vigour. An intriguing element of mystery was later added, after the solo bassoon's Ingubrious serenade, by the measure of his phrasing, which found a more extended purpose and character after the interval in not one but two suites from the Daphnis and Chloe ballet music.

Together the suites represent almost two thirds of the full work. When, as here, there were voices on hand from the Brighton Festival Chorus, more musical sense would have been made by playing the complete work. As it was, the performance relied more on boldness of instrumental colour than subtlety.

These works framed a violin concerto also dependent on bold contours and strong instrumental character, which Dvorak composed when he was knee-deep in his Slavonic Dances and the like. Salvatore Accardo lacked nothing in formidable ease of technical accomplishment to convey his own evident pleasure in a work many violinists tend to pass by, but the reward he offers is in searching below the music's surface.

He played it very much from the mind as well as the heart, taking a generous and expansive view of its lyrical qualities, and with the work's rhapsodic inclination tempered by unforced dignity of phrasing and expression. I should have liked a touch more brilliance in the finale to contrast with the poetic slow movement, but the soloist's consistency of style was matched by the orchestral support.

Irving Wardle

Noël Goodwin

MUMBO JUMBO A PAINFULLY FUNNY AND SOPHISTICATED PLAY

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Postwar release from this tight little island into brilliant Mediterranean sun: Michael Ayrton's 'Afternoon in Ischia' (1947)

nothing of jingoism about it. The show has really two endings, alternative but not mutually incompatible. One is with the sense of release from this tight little island after the war, when artists could again travel to the Mediterranean, and such as Ayrton and Craxton produced some of their best work under the shock of a brilliant southern sun. The other is the tying up of uncolonized anger with specific post-nuclear fears, which took something implicit in a lot of wartime British art and made it explicit. This is where Francis Bacon comes in, and so does The Quatermass Experiment - that overgrown wood has finally taken over and absorbed humanity. But then

any show which can contain Gerard Wilde's Expressionist outbursts and Alan Sorrell's historical reconstructions, Edwin Smith's photographic celebrations of the fabric of England and Leslie Hurry's Freudian nightmares, and make sense of them all, has to be an extraordinary invitation to think as well as merely to feel.

Other wars, other romanticisms. The career of Lady Butler: Battle Artist, given her first proper one-person show ever at the National Army Museum until September 26, spanned a period from the Crimean War to the First World War and after, and she responded in paint to virtually all of the conflicts within that time. She was a gifted painter,

on a large scale rather than a small, and in oils rather than watercolours - both of which facts endeared her from the range of "feminine" accomplishments considered normal at the time.

Indeed, it seems reasonable to suppose that her relative neglect has a lot to do with her being a woman, though funny enough from both sides in the battle of the sexes: marriage and child-bearing as well as the patronizing attitude of men held her back from a fully professional career, and of late feminists have failed to take up her cause largely because of some obscure feeling that she was not really a woman artist, but chose, in her subject-matter and attitudes, to play on the wrong side.

None of this, actually, is very fair. One can make certain technical criticisms of her work, but she stands in no need of special allowances as compared with her male contemporaries. Nor was she an unthinkingly blood-thirsty romanticizer of war. She was clearly as doubtful as her husband, the outsider general, about the right of Britain's imperial advances, and many of her best paintings are depictions of disastrous aftermaths to heroic but wrong-headed engagements. She is no vaulting genius, but all the same it is good to see a serious attempt to do her justice.

John Russell Taylor

Sensational schizophrenia

One odd detail about the soprano who takes the title-role in the Royal Opera's new production of Massenet's Manon is that she has not actually sung any opera for two years. On the other hand, she has starred in a CBS television sit-com ("No, I don't sing at all; I play the next-door neighbour"), portrayed a rock singer in a film (L'Unique) and recorded more of the "light opera to Broadway musicals" television entertainments which first brought her fame.

"Yes, as far as opera is concerned I'm a fickle woman", says Julia Migenes. "I was tired of tenors staring at a point above my eyebrows, and I was tired of sitting for two months in Dresden or wherever, being let out of my cage only to perform." Yet each foray she makes into opera seems to create a sensation. She was the Salome in Maurice Béjart's bizarre Geneva production, and at the Met she sang Lulu in Berg's opera: one of the most strenuous roles in the repertoire. But it was her smouldering performance in the title-part of Francesco Rosi's 1984 Carmen film, playing opposite Plácido Domingo, that caught the imagination of a wider public.

How did this ebullient New Yorker develop what she calls her "musical schizophrenia"? She came from a poor Puerto Rican/Irish family; performing was regarded as a way up, or out. "I won a scholarship to Juilliard. I lasted about three months there. Why? Because I was one of those natural-performer types. I had done concerts with Bernstein in Carnegie Hall already. I thought Juilliard was too stuck-up. Anyway, I wanted to be in, well, show business. So I got myself on to Broadway. Then I thought: well, maybe I'll sing opera."

Miss Migenes's synopsis of her early career suggests slight expansion. As an ambitious singer-dancer she worked around the Broadway shows (she was in the original Fiddler on the Roof cast) before landing the plum part of Maria in a West Side Story revival. When West Side Story went to Vienna, she went too - but this time singing in German ("boy, I've had some weird assignments"). That feat so impressed the Vienna Volksoper

Richard Morrison meets the uncommonly versatile soprano Julia Migenes, who takes the title-role in Covent Garden's new production of Manon, opening tonight



Migenes: so many different emotions

that they signed her up. For eight years she played every soubrette role in that company's repertoire.

Meanwhile, she began recording a long-running series of televised operetta-compilation programmes which became enormously popular in Germany and Austria, winning her the Golden Bambi (equivalent to a BAFTA award) and top prize at Montreux. It seemed that she had tapped an unexpected demand in mass entertainment. (Her British pro-

gramme, Top Cs and Tiaras, was loosely based on this German series.) Oddly, though, this television soufflé indirectly led her on to "serious" opera. Jean-Pierre Ponnelle saw it and invited her to Los Angeles to do Musetta in La Bohème. And that led to her Met debut.

Miss Migenes's success is partly attributable to a ruthlessly honest self-assessment. Of the Carmen film she says: "I had my Broadway dancing background to draw on. That was where my advantage lay over sopranos who could have sung it more easily. It took me a whole year to be able to sing it. Take me down to that lower-middle register, and it's touch and go whether there's any real meat to the sound. I could never sing Carmen on stage."

She prefers portraying complicated women. "You see, I have so many different emotions within myself. It doesn't excite my fantasy to play someone who is simple on stage." What about Manon? "Oh, she's complicated! She's caught in the superficialities of life; she would rather not think, because if she started to think she would have to change, and she knows she can't change."

She promises to sing the part with scrupulous regard to Massenet's original markings. "I'm very happy with Jeffrey Tate", she announces. "I came here thinking 'how am I going to convince him to use the original?'. But I found Jeffrey needed no convincing." What will be the main differences? "None of those formats which add half an hour to the opera. They ruin the impact of the moment, and Manon becomes 20 years older and like a willing lily."

Miss Migenes, who could never be mistaken for a willing lily, outlines her future plans: a remarkable double of singing in two productions of Pagliacci, one opposite Pavarotti, the other opposite Domingo; a Granada television special; and, of course, a "crossover" album (the term could have been coined to describe her career). There will be another film, to be called Berlin Blues: "It's a bit like The Blue Angel", she says. And the plot? "Basically, it's about my personality."

The thirtieth anniversary of the death of Arturo Toscanini is to be commemorated by a performance of Verdi's Requiem, attended by the Princess of Wales, in the Albert Hall on June 15. Massimo Freccia conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra with a distinguished team of singers.

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Maximum style, minimum fuss

The best go-anywhere holiday wardrobes don't just fall into a suitcase. They start with The List and the key to success is not expensive labels but comfort, colour and cotton

The seasoned traveller wears brown paper bags on her feet to combat jet lag, pops vitamins E and C and remembers to pack water purifying pills, a commando knife and a squash ball (to act as a bathplug when necessary). She uses inconspicuous luggage, on wheels, and then plasters it with day-glo tape for fast identification on airport carousels. Her clothes, turned inside out, are packed inside separate plastic bags to seal in air and reduce creasing. But at the start of each new trip every traveller, however practised, needs to plot what clothes to pack. And the perfect holiday wardrobe starts ideally with The List.

Even obsessive list-making did not save author Shirley Conran from having to climb down the Grand Canyon wearing nothing sturdier than a slinky black jersey evening dress. Boarding a Greyhound bus straight from a dinner party, her luggage and travellers' cheques failed to travel with her. With just \$11 in her purse, Superwoman bought one pair of sneakers, one shady hat and a piece of string. The string was to hitch up the long dress.

To get on The List any item must first pass a test. Does it look good, make you feel good? If it does, pack it. Anything you have not wanted to wear for years, or feel unsure about, should be left behind. We all have holiday favourites: a colourful batik smock may be seasons old, but if it's the one dress you reach out for instinctively after a day on the beach, pack it. For Lady Antonia Pinter it's a caftan, for Zandra Rhodes a length of printed chiffon.

Every year there is something new to add to a holiday wardrobe. In Summer '87 it's a slip of a dress, in a wonderfully slinky fabric like the amazingly low-priced little shift from Hobbs, or a taut vest dress that you wear to the beach or dress up with a ton of tribal jewellery to dramatic effect at night.

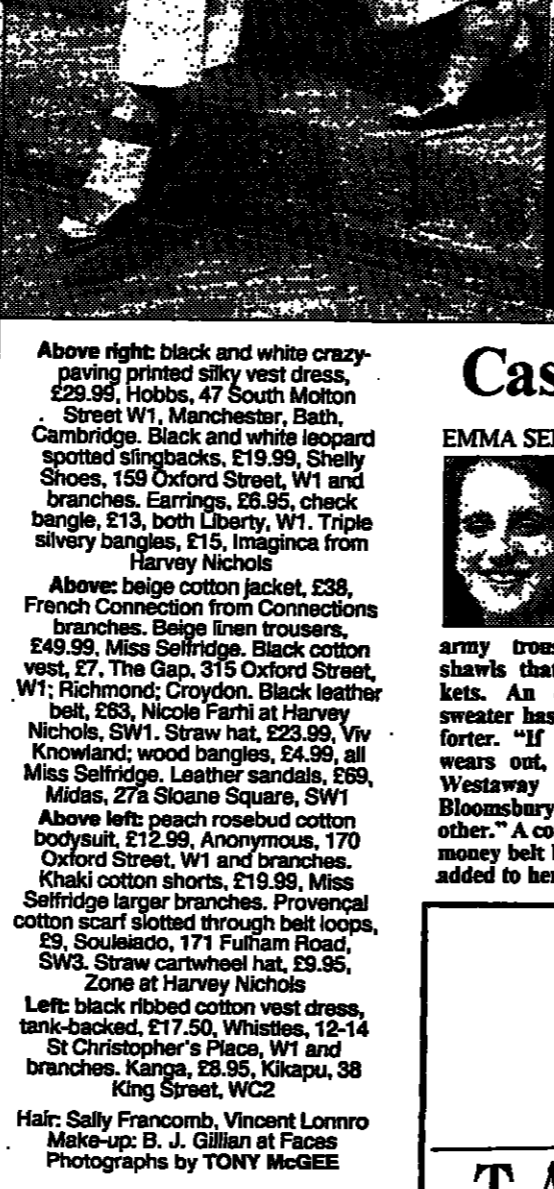
The smartest way to streamline a summer wardrobe is to edit colours ruthlessly. Shades of khaki and sand look chic in the sun, worn with gleaming white. And to these you can add pretty, bleached-out shades of pink and blue.

Navy with white looks unfailingly chic in solid blocks or with the added impact of stripes. Splashes of bright pink or cobalt blue can be added with a silk shirt or sarong.

Everyone should pack a length or two of cotton — something bright and pliable — to twist and wrap into a top or dress.

Holiday clothes should not cost a fortune and the high street shops such as Warehouse, Next, Miss Selfridge, Benetton, Stefanel are unbeatable for basic holiday separates. French Connection is another label to look out for.

Maria Aitken, who is carrying on the tradition of intrepid women adventurers, has got packing down to a fine art. Her basic colour scheme is black. "That theory about black being hot in the sun is not true," she says. The basis of each outfit is a body, "designed by Baryshnikov and bought in Macy's in New York. They have built-in shoulderpads to give a good line, and are comfortable." On top go fine cotton trousers,



Above right: black and white crazy-paving printed silky vest dress, £29.99, Hobbs, 47 South Molton Street W1, Manchester, Bath, Cambridge. Black and white leopard spotted shirt, £19.99, Shelly Shoes, 159 Oxford Street, W1 and branches. Earrings, £8.95, check bangle, £13, both Liberty, W1. Triple silvery bangles, £15, Imaginica from Harvey Nichols.

Above: beige cotton jacket, £38, French Connection from Connections branches. Beige linen trousers, £49.99, Miss Selfridge. Black cotton vest, £7, The Gap, 315 Oxford Street, W1; Richmond; Croydon. Black leather belt, £63, Nicole Farhi at Harvey Nichols. SW1. Straw hat, £23.99, Viv Knowland; wood bangles, £4.99, all Miss Selfridge. Leather sandals, £69, Midas, 27a Sloane Square, SW1.

Above left: peach rosebud cotton bodysuit, £12.99, Anonymous, 170 Oxford Street, W1 and branches. Khaki cotton shorts, £19.99, Miss Selfridge larger branches. Provençal cotton scarf slotted through belt loops, £3, Soulesto, 171 Fulham Road, SW3. Straw carwheel hat, £3.95, Zone at Harvey Nichols.

Left: black ribbed cotton vest dress, tank-backed, £17.50, Whistles, 12-14 St Christopher's Place, W1 and branches. Kanga, £8.95, Kikapu, 38 King Street, WC2.

Hair: Sally Francomb, Vincent Lonrho. Make-up: B. J. Gillian at Faces. Photographs by TONY MCGEE.

which held seven changes of underwear, seven blouses, three no-crush silk jersey dresses, a white jumpsuit... nightwear, a bathing suit, a pair of trousers to match her travel jacket, pumps, toiletries, small make-up bag... and a spare pair of prescription spectacles... She could be out of the house and heading for the airport within 10 minutes of a telephone call. That sounds like another efficient way to go.

The Princess and the purl

Business in British fashion is booming. Export earnings are up 20 per cent in the first quarter of the year. Wearing navy and white pinstripes, Princess Anne, the president of the British Knitting & Clothing Export Council, told buoyant members of the BKCEC at their AGM last week that she is extending her term for another three years, and pursuing her schedule of factory walkabouts. For its part, the British fashion industry is dedicated to raising funds for Save The Children, one of the Princess's most notable personal commitments. After a collection had been held on the factory floor, J. A. Robertson of Dunfermline, the long-established knitwear company, was able to present the Princess with a cheque for £2,000 for the charity when she visited the factory last month to present it with the Queen's Award for Industry.

Monochrome set piece

Black and white, Cecil Beaton's stylized Ascot scene in *My Fair Lady*, lives on. Margaret, Countess of Buckinghamshire's guests at her annual pre-Ascot lunch in aid of the Royal Marsden Cancer Fund, being held in the Dorchester on Friday, will be entertained by a showing of fashions suitable for "the season" — all in stylish monochrome. Hats are cartwheels and curvy saucers by Frederick Fox and John Boyd, as well as Nina Ricci and Jacques Le Brigant from Paris. Some tickets are still available at £40 each from Lady Buckinghamshire (01-352 3786).

Anyone who wears Nina Ricci is the owner of a museum piece. The frosted glass facon is a Lalique. Marie-Claude Lalique was in London last week for the opening of the exhibition of jewellery by her grandfather, René Lalique, at the Goldsmiths Hall in London. From her atelier in Provence, Marie-Claude Lalique continues the family tradition of glass design that sells in London at the Lalique shop at 24 Mount Street, W1.



Case studies: four experts on travelling light

EMMA SERGEANT, the artist, travels with so much painting equipment that clothes are kept to a minimum: two of her boyfriend's shirts, army trousers, two brown shawls that double as blankets. An outside cashmere sweater has become her comforter. "If I lose one, or it wears out, I go straight to Westaway & Westaway (in Bloomsbury) and get another." A commando knife and money belt have recently been added to her Must-Pack List.

MARIA AITKEN'S list includes a squash ball, candle, torch, lighter and a small down pillow from the White Horse in New Bond Street. "You put it under your bottom in trucks, and it transforms a hammock," she says. A cashmere poncho acts as a coat and can be used to wrap around items collected on her travels. Her plea to designers: a capsule travelling wardrobe in an uncrushable fabric, less frilly than Diane Freis's, more streamlined than Kanga's.

SHIRLEY CONRAN believes that "the trick is never to unpack." She packs essentials in a seven-section bag by Lark (from Selfridges) which she uses like a chest of drawers. First item in is a collapsible suitcase. "You come back with more than you set out with." White low-heeled pumps work with her summer outfits, son Jasper's Fauvist spotted silk separates, in orange and green, blue and scarlet, with raw silk blazer, "so the colours sizzle".

DEBBIE MOORE of Pineapple has a capsule of holiday clothes, which she takes on business trips to New York as well as holid-ays in Antigua. Zipped inside a lightweight bag go Pineapple bodies, all-in-ones with a choice of necklines, miniskirt, leggings, swingy long skirt, all in cool cotton and Lycra. New is a stretchy T-shirt dress which can be worn hitched high on the hips or long and slinky. A snakeskin body-stocking serves as a swimsuit.

TAPESTRY SPECIAL OFFER



These two naive tapestries in wonderfully bright and cheerful colours, originally commissioned for *The Observer*, have been designed by Susanna Lisle, an artist best known for her interior and still life paintings. The two cats are in black and white, but are set against a riot of rich colouring. The sitting cat is surrounded by light yellow, crimson, pink and aquamarine, with a pale pink backdrop. The cat lying down is among deeper oranges, pinks, greens and violet, with a navy backdrop.

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BOOKING KEY

THEATRE LONDON

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Tom Baker and Pauline Jameson in Pinter's evergreen about guinea among the geese.

BARTHOLOMEW FAIR: Ben Jones's farcical goings-on in Jacobean London, with Peggy Mount as the Pymmen. Pray for good weather.

BREAKING THE CODE: Riveting performance by Derek Jacobi as the enigmatic Alan Turing, wartime computer genius and homosexual.

COURT IN THE ACT: Gorgeous Gabriel Byrne alarms Michael Denison and dazzles Lee Montague in this genial 1912 melodrama.

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RELEVO: David Spencer's award-winning drama about marriage, good, bad and murderous.

THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN: Tom Lifty's witty play the 48th famous Victorian social drama.

THREE SISTERS: Elijah Moshinsky's praised production transfers from Greenwich.

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ROYAL EXCHANGE THEATRE: Cross Street, Manchester (061-833 9833).

SOUTHAMPTON: Not About Heroes: Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the Great War Poets.

Also on national release: 34 CHARIOT CROSS ROAD: Transatlantic romance between Helene Hanft (Anne Bancroft).

DESSERT BLOOM (PG): Sharp, poignant study of family turmoil near an atomic testing site in Nevada during the early 1950s.

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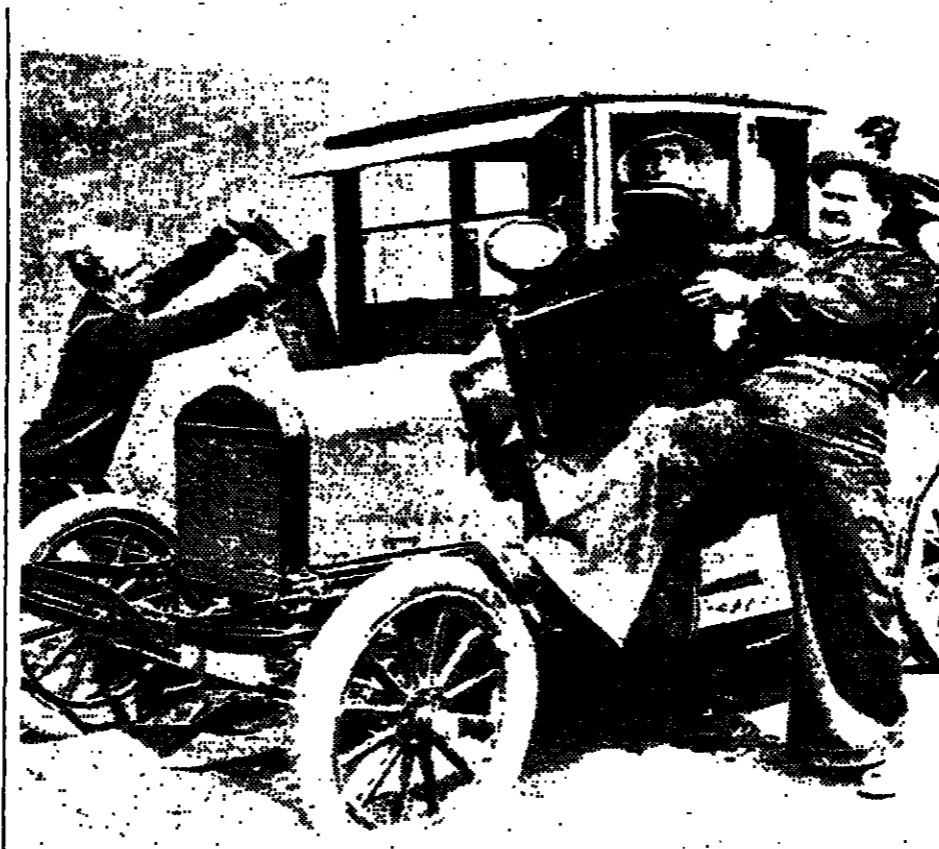
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How's this for an artistic credo? "I like people to laugh, I like them to cry, I like a story to be about something."

notorious My Son John, in which John is a Communist slugged by his own Catholic family.

Enlightened Mozart: Another sort of the Orchestra of the Enlightenment has Sir Charles Mackerras conducting them.

TOP CLASSICAL COMPACT DISCS

- 1 (1) Holst: The Planets, BPO/Karajan DG
(2) Holst: The Planets, MSO/Dutoit Decca
(3) Saint-Saëns: Symphony 3, LSO/OJP/Baronby 3. Galliera/DG
(4) Strauss: Selected Works, VPO/Karajan Imp Classics
(5) Wagner: An Evening of Strauss, LSO/Geordiads Imp Classics
(6) Tchaikovsky: Ballet Suites, VPO/Karajan Imp Classics
(7) Beethoven: Symphony 5 & 6, BPO/Karajan DG
(8) Luciano Pavarotti: The Collection, LSO/OJP/Baronby 3. Stylus
(9) Elgar: Pomp and Circumstance Marches, LPO/CSD/Solti Ovation/Decca
(10) Beethoven: Symphony 9, BPO/Karajan Galliera/DG
(11) Mozart: Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, VPO/BPO/Bohm Galliera/DG
(12) Handel: Music for the Royal Fireworks, ECO/Leppard Philips Silver Line
(13) Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade, BPO/Karajan Galliera/DG
(14) Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2, Ashkenazy/LSO/Previn Ovation/Decca
(15) Beethoven: Piano Concerto 2 & 5, Ashkenazy/CSD/Solti Ovation/Decca
(16) Beethoven: Piano Sonatas 8, 14, 15, 24 Kempff Galliera/DG
(17) Dvorák: Symphony 9, LSO/CGB/Davis Philips Silver Line
(18) Beethoven: Brandenburg Concertos 1, 2 & 3, ECO/Leppard Philips Silver Line
(19) Elgar: Cello Concerto, Lloyd Webber/RPO/Menhin Philips
Source: Music Week Research

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Australian
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Plessey, the British electronics group, has signed a £160 million contract with the Australian Ministry of Defence for a new tactical radio communications system. The equipment will be manufactured at Plessey's plant at Meadowbank, New South Wales, creating 600 new jobs, and at Plessey Military Communications at Ilford, Essex, where it will help to preserve existing jobs. The system, codenamed Raven, will re-equip the Australian army with the world's most advanced and comprehensive tactical radio capability.

Borthwicks up

Borthwicks, the overseas trader-turned-food manufacturer, failed to please the market with a tenfold rise in interim pretax profits, up from £43,000 to £462,000. The share price fell 13p to 99p. *Tempus, page 22*

Extel stake

United Newspapers has strengthened its grip on Extel by picking up a further 1 per cent block of shares to lift its stake to 28.9 per cent. Today is the first closing date for its £250 million bid.

Collins leaves

Mr Ron Collins, a founder member of the advertising agency WCRS Group, formerly Wight Collins Rutherford Scott, has resigned following irreconcilable differences about his contract.

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GOLD table with columns for London, New York, etc.

Cooker firm surprises with £285m coup that quadruples its size

Valor buys Yale in dual deal

By Cliff Feltham
Valor, the gas cooker and heater firm, made a dramatic leap forward yesterday when it agreed to pay £285 million for the American locks and security company, Yale, and the household appliances business NuTone. Both companies are being sold by the financial services group First City Diversified, which acquired them just two years ago. The deal will quadruple the size of Valor, which is valued at just £90 million, and left some City observers wondering how the company would cope with running the new businesses. But the ebullient Valor chairman, Mr Michael Montague, described the deal as an "unparalleled opportunity" for the company to turn itself into an international business. At the same time, it would enable Valor to sell more of its own products - which include gas fires, electric blankets and toasters - to the United States market. "After the acquisition we will be a truly great international company," Mr Montague said. Yale and NuTone earned pretax profits of just over £24 million last year - more than twice profits currently made by Valor - on sales of more than £200 million. Both report strong growth this year. Yale sells its electronic security systems and locks to 125 countries but 60 per cent of its business is in the US. It sees the biggest potential for growth in the Britain and Europe. NuTone makes vacuum cleaners, ventilation fans, cooker hoods and door chimes and is a major supplier of the US and Canadian house-building market. Valor shares have been suspended since April 29 pending an acquisition. But the size of yesterday's proposals caught some of its followers by surprise. One analyst said: "It is quite staggering. At first I thought there was a misprint when I read of the sums involved. I just hope that Valor has management depth to handle the deal." Mr Montague admitted he would have been happy to have bought just one of the two companies but they were being sold as a package. He is setting up a separate management team in the United States to be headed by Mr Bob Olney, former chairman and managing director of the 3M group in this country. Valor is funding the deal through an open offer to existing shareholders underwritten by Hoare Govett and Barclays de Zoete Wedd. The striking price of the share issue will be announced at the end of the week. The unusual route offers shareholders new shares at a fixed price and has advantages in cost and time over a conventional rights issue. First City is separately subscribing for £21.7 million of new convertible preference shares and has an option on 2 million shares in Valor. Valor - which intends to change its name to Yale & Valor to reflect the takeover - also reported its own full-year pretax profits up by 30 per cent to £10.53 million. Sales rose 7 per cent to £129 million. There were extraordinary costs of £732,000.



Key men: (from left) Pat McCord of Yale, Michael Montague and James Rankin of NuTone

IBL sent reeling 62p on results

By Colin Campbell
The share price of IBL, the computer company, was sent reeling on the stock market yesterday on publication of its annual results well below market expectations and confirmation that the figures were only saved from an auditors' qualification after the board accepted their professional opinion about how certain leases should be valued. From a pre-weekend price of 125p, IBL shares immediately nearly halved to 63p before staging a recovery to 85p. Mr Philip Coussens, the founder and controlling chairman and managing director, yesterday made way for Mr Patrice Courbey, who has been credited with stemming recent losses in France and is billed as the group's "trouble shooter" to assume the position of managing director. Mr Coussens, holder of nearly 60 per cent of IBL's equity, remains chairman but as a non-executive director, concentrating on strategic issues. IBL reported year-end pretax profits of £4.5 million after an exceptional charge of £1.87 million, compared with 1985 pretax profits of £6.49 million. The City was generally expecting profits of more than £10 million. In view of the results, the final dividend is halved from 0.8p to 0.4p a share, making 0.8p for the year against 1.2p. Mr Coussens said the board thought it prudent to accept the auditors' recommendation. The alternative was to issue the results with a qualification. He added that the nature of the recent discussions with the auditors would have to be taken further. IBL said yesterday that it would take time for the benefits of the new controls and management changes to come through to the profits line, but there had been increased trading activity in the first quarter of this year. *Tempus, page 22*

Carlton profits up 62%

By John Bell, City Editor
Carlton Communications, one of Britain's fastest growing media companies, cheered the City with a 62 per cent rise in half-time profits to £13.3 million, a 35 per cent dividend increase and a one-for-one scrip issue. Carlton shares sprinted 45p to 1460p on the profits before profit takers trimmed the gain to 40p. The profits included nothing from the 20 per cent stake which Carlton acquired recently in Central TV in pursuit of its aim of becoming a fully integrated communications company. Mr Michael Green, the chairman, said that Carlton had experienced significant growth through expansion of its existing operations and strategic acquisitions. Changes in broadcasting regulations all over Europe had led to a significant increase in demand for independent programming. Carlton expected to benefit from the Conservative Party pledge to make available to the independent sector up to 25 per cent of BBC and ITV programming. The group's equipment manufacturing side, Aekas, has seen a dramatic rise in exports to 43 countries during the past four years with sales to France and West Germany particularly significant. The group had continued to invest heavily in production facilities. A \$10 million (£6.06 million) installation of digital edit suites at the group's New York premises was due to come on stream in October. The television products division made excellent progress in the first six months of the year, and the group was committed to investing substantial sums in research and development. Turnover rose 48 per cent in the half year to £40.3 million, while earnings per share climbed 41 per cent to 27.2p. Shareholders are to receive an interim dividend of 3.5p per share compared with 2.6p last time. *Comment, page 23*

McMahon 'shock' on SIB rules

By Peter Gartland
Family Money Editor
Sir Kit McMahon, chairman and chief executive of the Midland Bank, yesterday said he was "shocked and horrified" by the Securities and Investments Board rule book. He told the British Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA): "If you've looked at the SIB rule book, you can't help but be shocked and horrified." Sir Kit's view was that financial practitioners' response to the SIB rule book might be that they had only just escaped the full rigours of statutory regulation. He said there was a great danger that new financial services regulations might result in "throwing out the baby with the bathwater" and that deregulation might turn out to be something of a sham. Sir Kit hoped that this would not happen and stressed that it was the responsibility of the financial community to see that rules were kept. In the BIBA annual report, Mr A V "Dickie" Alexander, the outgoing chairman, expressed disappointment at the failure to regulate non-life insurance intermediaries. "We have reluctantly had to accept that the Government is not prepared at this time to legislate to require all intermediaries in general insurance to be insurance brokers or company agents."

Trafalgar enters water industry

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent
Trafalgar House, the construction group, yesterday announced the purchase of a 22 per cent voting stake in one of Britain's statutory water authorities, Rickmansworth Water Company, which covers the area between Heathrow and Watford. The move could prove a first step to Trafalgar's greater involvement in an industry which is destined for privatisation following a Conservative election victory. The acquisition, for £189,000, is being made by Cementation-SAUR, a company jointly owned by Trafalgar House and Bouygues, the French construction group, which was formed last August to co-operate on water and sewage treatment projects. The stake will give Trafalgar House active operating experience in the British water industry. A company spokesman said: "If privatization of the water authorities does take place then Rickmansworth and ourselves will be better placed to take advantage of the opportunities that arise." Rickmansworth is one of 28 statutory water authorities which were set up by an Act of Parliament 100 years ago to supply clean water.

US banks attack swap rules plan

By Bailey Morris, Washington
Big US banks have strongly protested against a joint proposal by the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve to tighten standards regulating the \$600 billion international market in interest-rate and currency swaps. According to papers on file at the New York Federal Reserve Bank, the new capital adequacy rules would make swaps more expensive and result in a dramatic shift of business to Japan which is less regulated. The protest surfaced as markets digested another study which concluded the two-year-old market for debt-equity swaps, an important tool in tackling the Third-World debt crisis, had failed to develop as world leaders had anticipated. There has been almost no interest from individual investors, a *New York Times* survey showed. The market remained thin at an estimated \$5 billion a year and was restricted to central banks buying back debt, corporations participating in debt-equity swaps and financial institutions which swapped countries' debt. Banks engaging in debt-equity swaps sell Third-World loans at a discount to companies seeking investments in the developing world. The company redeems the loan at the borrowing country's central bank for local currency which is then invested in a local enterprise. Analysts said the recent decisions by Citicorp and Chase Manhattan bank to sell billion of dollars of Latin American loans would not swell the market appreciably, certainly not enough to make a dent in the more than \$600 billion Third-World debt. The International Swap Dealers Association said the two central banks, in developing a joint model for tighter regulation of interest rate and currency swaps, had "overstated" the risks of potential future exposure and ignored important matters affecting and reducing risk. The central banks planned to change the rules to treat the measurement of swap risks the same as loan risks.

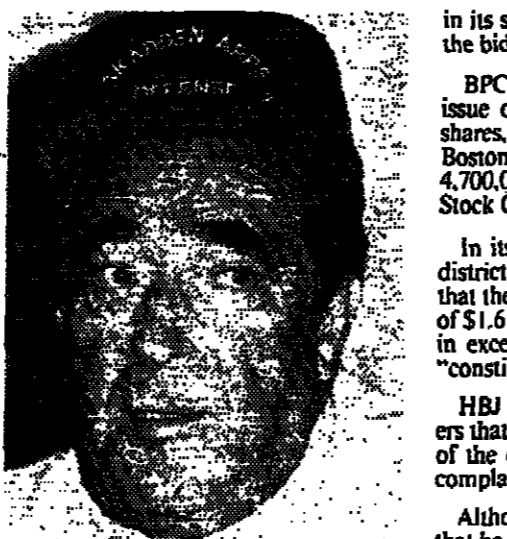
Dealings in OEM halted

By Joe Joseph
Stock Exchange dealings in the shares of Office and Electronic Machines, where profits have buckled under pressure from the decline of the typewriter and the widening availability of cheaper personal computers, were temporarily suspended yesterday morning at the company's request. OEM's share price, which analysts say has been supported at present levels only by hopes of a takeover bid, was quoted at 231p before the suspension. Overseas Strategic Investment, an Australian holding company, said later that it had built a 9.35 per cent stake in the company, but OEM dampened talk of a bid approach. As sole British distributor for Triumph Adler office equipment from West Germany, OEM's problems have been aggravated by the recent strength of the mark. Pretax profits slumped to £911,240 last year from £2.54 million in 1985. Any takeover bid would need the approval of Olivetti, which owns 11.6 per cent of OEM through its Triumph Adler subsidiary, Hillside Holdings, which has a 14.97 per cent stake in OEM and also owns Cartwright Brice, an office stationery company, is a possible bidder. There was also some speculation yesterday that the suspension might be related to OEM's annual accounts. The annual meeting, scheduled for today, has already been postponed to June 30. The annual reports, which were to have been sent to shareholders on May 8, have been delayed until June 5. Accountants from MacIntyre Hudson, OEM's auditor, were at OEM's London offices yesterday.

Publisher to fight Jovanovich in the courts

Maxwell hits HBJ with lawsuit

By Ray Heath
The prospect of Mr Robert Maxwell quietly allowing the towel to be thrown in to his bout with the US publisher Harcourt Brace Jovanovich was so out of character that there was little surprise in the City yesterday when he came back punching his full weight. After apparently conceding last week that HBJ's "poison pill" defence was too powerful even for him, the chairman of the *Daily Mirror* publishing group, British Printing & Communication Corporation, has now unleashed a lawsuit against the US company and its adviser, First Boston Corporation. The aim of the action is to prevent the proposed capital reconstruction of the Florida-based publisher of educational books, which would have saddled it with debts of about \$3 billion (£1.8 billion). In its official complaint, BPCC described the deal as "unprecedented in its illegality." Wearing a military style cap decorated with the name of the US lawyers who are leading the offensive - Skadden, Arps, Slater, Meagher and Flom - Mr Maxwell told a press conference yesterday that HBJ had been "effectively hijacked" for the benefit of its management, assisted by First Boston. BPCC's first approach to the chairman of HBJ, Mr William Jovanovich, made on May 18, suggested the talks could be held on a bid of \$44 a share, which would have valued the company at about \$2 billion. It was met with a testy rebuff from Mr Jovanovich which Mr Maxwell yesterday described as "unparalleled personal vituperation," but he added that he had no intention of including libel in his legal action. The main points of complaint are aimed at preventing HBJ paying a special dividend of \$40 a share, which is one of the main reasons behind the surge in its share price from below \$30 before the bid, to about \$55. BPCC is also seeking to prevent the issue of 40,000 super voting preferred shares, carrying 8,160,000 votes to First Boston, and a further issue of shares with 4,700,000 votes to the HBJ Employees Stock Ownership Plan. In its complaint, made in the federal district court in New York, BPCC alleges that the payment of the special dividend of \$1.6 billion was more than \$1 billion in excess of the available surplus, and "constitutes a fraudulent conveyance." HBJ has also failed to warn shareholders that they will be liable for repayment of the dividend, according to the BPCC's complaint. Although Mr Maxwell said yesterday that he expected other HBJ shareholders to support the action, BPCC is acting as the owner of 460,600 HBJ shares and a nominal £9,490,000 of debentures. Mr Maxwell said that BPCC was facing double jeopardy on its holdings. Under US law the company needed special permission to convert the debentures into shares, which could not be obtained before the June 8 deadline put on the recapitalization by HBJ. The value of the debenture after the conversion date was uncertain, said Mr Maxwell, so BPCC was also facing financial damage.



Maxwell: not throwing in the towel

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Dowty in £35.9m US defence expansion

Dowty Group is making a £35.9 million cash acquisition of Woodville Polymer Engineering, a subsidiary of Colt Industries of the United States, in a deal which will considerably expand its defence interests. Woodville's sales have grown at more than 20 per cent during the past three years and the acquisition will give Dowty added strength in the high-technology area of advanced materials engineering. Woodville has close connections with the US Defense Department. Pretax profits of Woodville in 1986 were £3.8 million. Net tangible assets were £7.4 million. Recent deals made by Dowty include the £4.4 million cash acquisition of Heli-Orient and FAS Orient in Singapore — which broadened the group's interests in helicopter repair and overhaul — and the £5.9 million takeover of Waverley Electronics.

Aluminium in dollars Eurotherm takeover
The high grade aluminium contract made its debut on the London Metal Exchange to become the first contract to be denominated in a currency other than sterling. The dollar-denominated contract for 99.70 per cent purity metal showed a premium of more than \$100 on the exchange's long-standing 99.50 per cent contract that is denominated in sterling.

Eurotherm International, the electronics group, is taking over Kineron Gauging Systems, a measuring equipment company which last year made profits of £1.76 million. Kineron is being sold by its directors, Mr John Cameron and Mr Michael King. The full price will depend on profits but the first instalment of £2.5 million will be paid on September 1.

FKB Group advances

FKB Group, the sales promotion agency which is looking to move from the Unlisted Securities Market to a full listing, lifted pretax profits to £2.07 million in the year to March 31 from £1.44 million previously. Turnover rose 44 per cent to £14.75 million. The final dividend is up from 2.5p to 3.35p. There was no interim.

FKB, which is completing only its second year as a public company, is buoyant about the future. Last month the agency, which boasts clients such as Coca-Cola, British Telecom and Mars, announced it was paying £2.9 million for Photobond, a market leader in exhibition and display graphics. It also raised £5.4 million through a rights issue to pay for the acquisition and to provide funds for further growth.

New chief for Cookson



Mr Michael Henderson (right) took over yesterday as chief executive of Cookson Group, a supplier of specialized materials to industry. He joined the group in 1965 and was appointed to the board 10 years later, at 36, becoming the group's youngest-ever director. Cookson Group has 100 subsidiaries and related companies around the world, employing more than 8,000 people.

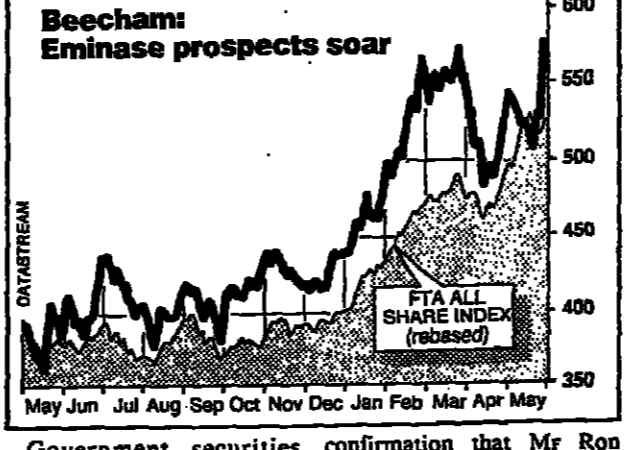
Sheraton up 100%

Sheraton Securities International, the property developer, doubled its profits in the year to end-March from £2.32 million to £4.65 million. The dividend has been increased 50 per cent to 1.125p a share.

The profit increase came from a rise in sales and management fees from £5.7 million to £19.71 million, although rental income showed only a minor gain, from £922,000 to £1.34 million. The company, which moved from the USM to a full listing last September, plans to double its office development programme in London over the next 12 months and will also be expanding its retail sector interests.

Indexes soar to records as buyers rush for bargains

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster



The election account got off to a flying start yesterday, with share prices embarking on a record-breaking run. Another strong showing by the Government in the week-end opinion polls and a CBI report showing order books at their best levels for 10 years were the signal for a further surge of buying by investors. Most fund managers are now confident of a Conservative victory and are anticipating another jump in the equity market when the result is confirmed.

Prices closed below their best levels after running out of steam in late trading, but confidence remains high and rises were widespread among the leaders.

This was reflected in the FT index of 30 shares, which finished 18.6 up at a record of 1,730.7, having been 24.4 higher. The broader FT-SE 100 also ended 25.2 up, at a record 2,228.2 after being 33.0 ahead.

Once again the "political stocks" enjoyed popular support as the threat of re-nationalization by a Labour government continued to recede. British Gas was chased higher on renewed overseas support after the second tranche of 45p was paid. The price finished 8p higher at a new high of 172p as 33 million shares changed hands.

British Telecom hardened by 4p to 315p, on a turnover of 9.3 million shares, ahead of a bullish circular, out today, from Kleinwort Greaveson, the broker, which rates the shares a "buy".

Kleinwort points out that the shares have been dogged by persistent political uncertainty, but still remain an attractive investment. The balance sheet fails to reflect the group's strong property portfolio. Parts of this are expected to be sold off during the next few years, providing the group with a valuable cash surplus.

Kleinwort expects pretax profits for the year to the end of last March to rise from £1.81 billion to £2.05 billion. It is looking for £2.26 billion for the current year.

Mr Robert Maxwell's BPC rallied 5p to 303p, despite persistent talk of a £400 million rights issue soon. The group is planning to launch another bid for Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, the US publishing group.

Government securities closed virtually unchanged on the day.

Martin Ford, the women's wear retailer, continued to go from strength to strength, rising by 7p to a new peak of 137p. There were whispers in the market that Mr Irvine Sellers, who joined the board last year following the takeover by the Iridium Consortium, has been having talks with his old friend and partner, Mr Gerald Ronson. The two of them already own joint property interests and hopes are now high that Mr Ronson is about to inject some cash and property in return for a stake in the company.

There must have been a sharp intake of breath for shareholders of Mr David Abell's Sater as the shares appeared to drop from 295p to 244p. The reason behind the apparent weakness was a one-for-five scrip. In fact, the terms of Suter's unwarranted, £72 million bid for Mitchell Cotts are still worth 74p a share. Mitchell Cotts ended the day 1p cheaper at 70p.

The strong run of Bejam, the frozen food retailer and takeover favourite, was halted as the shares lost 8p to 201p. This followed the sale by the chairman, Mr John Athorp, of 200,000 shares on Friday, a move which quashed hopes that a bid for the company was imminent. Iceland Frozen Foods and Hazelwoods were both recently reported to be interested in Bejam.

Wight Collins Rutherford Scott, the big communications company which is second only up with a bid of 220p a share. Dr Marwan is an Egyptian

confirmation that Mr Ron Collins, one of the founders of the original WCRS agency, had left the group. It has been suggested of late that Mr Collins has been at odds with Messrs Robin Wight and Peter Scott over the running of the business side of the agency and that he did not fit in with the group's new commercial profile.

Mr Collins remains a consultant to the agency and will retain a 4 per cent shareholding.

Kwik-Fit, the car exhaust, shock-absorber and tyre group, flew into top gear, with a rise of 15p to a peak of 202p, following its seventh annual sales convention during the weekend, attended by brokers and fund managers. The group was able to outline some of its plans for the future, including expansion in both Europe and Japan.

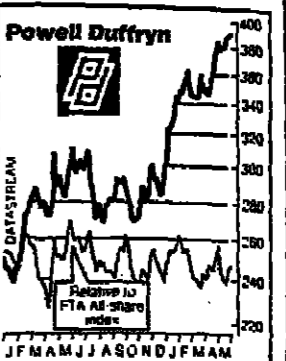
Shares of FS Ratcliffe, the engineer, where BBA Group, the automotive parts manufacturer, owns a near-30 per cent stake, were suspended at 150p after an early flurry of activity which saw the price climb by 20p to 155p.

Dealers claim that the group is about to announce a substantial acquisition.

Meanwhile, Williams Holdings gained 14p to 814p. Recent stories circulating in the market suggest that the company had acquired Dr Asraf Marwan's 5 per cent stake in Bridon, the Doncaster-based engineering company — and intends to follow up with a bid of 220p a share. Dr Marwan is an Egyptian

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Powell Duffryn on steady course



Powell Duffryn can hardly be described as a glamorous company but by keeping its nose to the grindstone, the revitalized management team is extracting a better return.

Last year, operating margins widened by one percentage point to 4.9 per cent and the return on capital rose from 16.2 per cent to 19.7 per cent.

Even so, there are parts of the business which remain poor performers. The most obvious is ship owning. It contributed 23 per cent of its division's £4.1 million operating profit. But this was before gross restructuring costs of £1 million.

The group owns 16 ships and manages five others. It has been reducing its fleet due to the cost of operating in domestic waters. However, there is little logic pulling out as the market is picking up.

In the meantime, it is more profitable than the competition and covers its interest and depreciation charges. Shipping services continue to do well. Fuel distribution volumes were up by 8 per cent. Oil was the firmest market helped by demand for heavy fuel oil.

One of the three percentage points added to market share, came from some small acquisitions. Powell Duffryn continues to add niche businesses either to broaden its product range or to enhance its geographic spread.

Loss elimination and reduction were the main reasons behind the improved engineering profits.

Demand for aggregates was poor, reflecting a low level of activity in South Wales. The concrete brick business did well, selling all of its 50-million-brick production and for the first time making a bigger profit contribution than aggregates. Two plants, making 15 million bricks, have recently been installed.

Allowing for the countercyclicalities of the businesses, it is feasible that Powell Duffryn could increase its return on capital to at least 22 per cent, suggesting a further 15 per cent rise in pretax profits.

However, one hopes that the directors' generosity on the dividend front — keeping the shares the darlings of the income funds — does not indicate a lack of clarity about Powell Duffryn's longer-term direction.

Borthwick's

Now that Borthwick's is about to step out of the banks' limelight, there is a genuine scent of recovery in the air.

Unfortunately, the interim results gave only a few hints of the underlying performance in the six months to March 30.

The disposals and re-organizations of the last few years make comparisons difficult, if not positively misleading. The question is whether there is anything in the results to reassure investors not only that Borthwick's is up off its knees, but also that it is ready to start walking again.

On the plus side, debt is significantly reduced from £36 million 18 months ago to £12 million at the end of March, making interest costs much more manageable.

But without a divisional breakdown of profit, it is hard to know just what is happening to the underlying businesses. Shareholders will have to wait for the year-end when the chairman has promised more information and more clarity.

To cloud the issue further, there have been significant profits on disposals and costs involved in reorganization, all taken above the line.

Despite the dearth of detail at the half-year stage, the market seems to be inclined to give Borthwick's the benefit of the doubt. The prospective multiple is an astonishing 18 times this year's earnings, assuming a seasonally better second half takes pretax profits to more than £3 million.

There is plenty of room to expand the remaining businesses. The new processed meat products will contribute to profits next year. But the market is also looking to the possibility of a bid with Borthwick's £20 million of tax losses an attraction.

Credibility gap at IBL

IBL, the computer company, is a disaster. The shares, brought to the market in 1985 at 140p each, yesterday halved at one point. Year-end profits to December at £4.5 million were wide of all market expectations (£10 million-plus had been thought possible), and were issued without an auditor's qualification.

The final dividend is halved. The chairman and managing director has been "elevated" to a non-executive position.

Only the brave would even start to hazard a guess where IBL goes from here, but with the chairman controlling almost 60 per cent of the equity, and prepared to fight for his creation to see better days, an immediate takeover seems unlikely.

The background to yesterday's terrible results include an overshoot on administration costs; problems in France, which led during the year to the replacement of the finance director; setbacks in the US; and tough competition.

The company finished the financial year with the balance sheet badly bruised and a high gearing. It admits that while most of the problems have been tackled, some are still unresolved.

The new accounting policy about how to value leases has clearly been professionally forced on IBL and was against the board's initial wishes. IBL now has a vast credibility gap with the City.

This is not the first time IBL has let down its followers, so whatever the board's assertions, hard evidence of financial health is needed before the shares can seriously be recommended. Avoid.

Recovery likely in N Zealand

New Zealand's economy is likely to make a modest recovery in 1987-88 of about 0.2 per cent after contracting in the previous year. Inflation will be about 10.8 per cent, against last year's 14.1 per cent. Despite the problems, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development believes policy is now right. The required disinflation may involve further output and employment losses, but structural reforms should improve performance.

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Earnings for ordinary shareholders	42,578	17,294
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Brazil will insist on coffee market share despite quota talks

By Colin Narbrough

Senhor Lindenberg Sete, head of the Brazilian delegation, made his country's position clear from the outset. Brazil had come to listen to the views of other producers and consumers, but its stance on the quota dispute was unchanged.

Last week, Senhor Jair Coser, president of the Rio Coffee Trade Association, called on Brazil to pursue an "aggressive and continuous" export policy. A repetition of the mistakes of 1986, when Brazil exported only 9.9 million 60kg bags had to be avoided. Exports have since recovered, and Brazil sold 10.5 million bags in the first half of this year.

Brazil, guaranteed about 30 per cent of the total export quotas under the old system, can outpace its export rivals because of its huge supplies. It was drought in Brazil that led to quotas being abandoned last year.

Senhor Fritz Dubois, the ICO executive board's Peruvian chairman, said yesterday that negotiations on a return to quotas had reached a "delicate stage" and he was convinced a compromise would be reached for a decision by a full ICO meeting in London in September. "We are not that far apart," he added.

The ICO's Brazilian executive director, Senhor Alexandre Beltrao, noted that coffee prices, allowing for inflation, were at their lowest level for 25 years. Co-ordinated efforts were needed urgently at all levels, including government, to bring the market back under ICO control.

The average world market coffee price of 104.3 cents per pound in April was below the level that justified a return to quotas, if the terms of the existing coffee agreement were to be met, he said.

The vast majority of the ICO's 75 members agree on the need for quotas. But while Brazil and Colombia want to keep the old system, based on exports over the previous five years plus verifiable stocks, a growing group of other producers, led by Indonesia, want a system based on recent exports.



Doorway to power: Mr Clausen enters Mr Miyazawa's room

Clausen debt plea to Miyazawa

Tokyo (AP-Dow Jones) — Mr A W "Tom" Clausen, chairman of BankAmerica, yesterday urged Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese finance minister, to tackle vigorously the issue of foreign debt by Latin America and other developing countries at next week's economic summit meeting in Venice.

Finance ministry officials said that Mr Clausen, former president of the World Bank, also told Mr Miyazawa that loan-loss reserves at American banks as a whole were at "appropriate levels" and that the US banking system remained healthy.

He was referring to moves among some American banks to increase their loan-loss reserves because of their heavy lending to Latin American countries.

Last month, Citicorp added \$3 billion (£1.81 billion) to its loan-loss reserves. Mr Clausen indicated last week that BankAmerica, the second largest US banking company, would not boost reserves against his company's troubled foreign debt by anything close to the \$1 billion needed to match steps taken by Citicorp and Chase Manhattan.

In talks with officials of Japanese commercial banks and trading companies this week, Mr Clausen is expected to seek help in BankAmerica's attempt to rebuild itself.

Guinness sells off Clares to board

By John Bell, City Editor

Guinness, the international drinks and leisure group, has sold Clares Equipment, a leading maker of display and merchandising goods, in a management buyout worth £28.5 million.

Clares is now under the control of Mr R Griffiths, chairman and managing director, and his fellow board members.

Guinness revealed two months ago that it planned to dispose of a number of its non-core operations, notably Martins, the retail newsagents chain, to concentrate on its basic beer and spirits activities. The Clares disposal is not, however, part of that strategy. Mr Griffiths said yesterday that he and his fellow directors had been working on plans for a buyout for almost a year.

Clares claims to be a market leader in the supply of trolleys, checkouts, shelving and refrigerated display equipment to leading supermarket groups such as Sainsbury, Woolworth, Safeway, Asda and Tesco. Turnover in this financial year is expected to be about £35 million and profits of £3.5 million are budgeted for the current year.

The buyout price was fixed by Guinness and equates to 12.3 times historic earnings and about 15 times prospective earnings. Financing was arranged by Security Pacific Bank, with County Development Capital as co-underwriter.

Mr Griffiths, who emerges with a shareholding in excess of 21 per cent, believes that there is considerable scope for expanding Clares' business. "We believe that we can double it over the next five years," he said.

The disposal of Guinness's retail operations are proceeding according to plan.

Dares to raise £19m in cash call

By Joe Joseph

Dares Estates, the London property company, is raising £19.8 million through a two-for-five rights issue.

It is also restructuring some of its existing borrowings.

Part of the money has been earmarked for last month's £12.36 million purchase of three blocks of properties in London.

The rest will be used to finance future expansion.

Mr Ervin Landau, the chairman, said: "We want to be in a position to do more deals and take opportunities as they arise."

He said that Dares, which has climbed slowly back to health after suffering recent losses, is being offered many further opportunities for expansion.

Mr Landau believes that the company has reached the stage where a significant re-organization of its capital structure will leave it in a more flexible position to move swiftly on choice new buildings as they come on to the market.

Apart from the rights issue of 58.92 million ordinary shares at 35p each, Dares is also issuing a £15 million First Mortgage Debenture Stock 2012.

This will effectively replace its present variable rate borrowings with a 25-year fixed-rate mortgage secured on some of Dares's commercial properties in London and the South-east.

After repaying existing debts, the debenture stock will leave about £2.5 million that will be available for use in future projects.

Matheson to take over second stockbroker

By Ray Heath

Jardine Matheson director, explaining Matheson's ambitions to build up a strong niche in private-client business, said the company felt that private clients had suffered from the large-scale trading demands of many of the investment houses following Big Bang.

Matheson, he said, would be offering comprehensive investment advice on trusts, insurance and unit trusts as well as stocks and shares. Its stockbroking arm would continue to offer the traditional services to private clients.

The London-based financial services arm of Jardine Matheson, the Hong Kong trader and banker, which is building up a private-client investment business in Britain, has taken over a second small stockbroker.

After last year's purchase of Orme & Co, Matheson Financial Holdings announced yesterday it was taking over Anderson & Co, a member of the London Stock Exchange, which also specializes in private-client stockbroking and fund management.

Mr Rodney Leach, a

UK oil industry 'is still committed' to research

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Britain's offshore industry is maintaining its commitment to research and development into high-technology methods of bringing oil ashore from wells deep below the sea, the United Kingdom Offshore Operators' Association said yesterday.

The association's director-general, Mr George Band, and its president, Mr Carl Burnett, said in Aberdeen that the fall in oil prices has imposed a big restraint on the industry's ability to re-invest funds, but the commitment to research and development was now all the more vital.

The minister responsible for the oil industry, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, said: "As we look forward to the discoveries and developments of the next decade, it is clear that the essential element is R and D. Only a determined search for advances in technology will solve technological problems, reduce costs, maintain close attention to safety and will ensure the full exploration of oil and gas resources."

The total annual spending on offshore-related research and development is between £100 million and £140 million a year, with several hundred millions being spent on applied technology.

Airflow lifts motor profits

Airflow Streamlines, the motor components manufacturer and Ford main dealer, lifted pretax profits to £1.66 million in the year to February 28 from £967,000 previously. Turnover rose to £41.32 million from £32.59 million.

The company is paying an increased final dividend of 2.75p, making 3p in all, or twice last year's level.

It says improved returns from the production and body engineering sections of the manufacturing division are expected to continue.

Available for what it's Worth

The House of Worth, the oldest couture house in the world, has been put up for sale. Started in Paris by Englishman Charles Frederick Worth in 1860, the Worth name was acquired by fashion entrepreneur Sidney Massin, in 1968. Massin, now in his 70s, tells me his decision to sell after almost 20 years is reluctant. "I do feel sad but I think it's time to retire—and I certainly haven't made the most of it," he says. "It could be a multi-million pound business in the right hands." Certainly no Worth clothes have been made for 15 years and the thriving Worth perfume business was long ago sold off to a French firm. Massin, who still runs his Massin Furs business in Wigmore Street, is looking for offers in the region of £750,000. The buyer will be able to use the registered names Worth Limited, Miss Worth, together with the distinctive Worth trade mark. They might even be able to persuade Massin to stay on board. "I just might be open to offers," he says hopefully.

Mark's yen

Mark Cliffe, the talented chief economist at the stockbroker Capel-Cure Myers, is joining the Japanese. He leaves CCM this month, after more than four years, and joins Nomura Securities as an international economist on July 6. Cliffe, still only aged 28, is a product of a Sheffield comprehensive school who went on to a

Life in the fast lane

It is no longer enough for stockbrokers in search of business to buy fund managers lunch. More exciting events are called for, which is why 10 clients of James Capel found themselves whizzing round a disused bus garage in Camberwell the other day, their pint-stripped bottoms inches from the ground. They were taking part in the first James Capel Trophy kart races, and the response was so enthusiastic that it will probably become an annual event. The star of the meeting was the only non-fund manager, Rob Campbell, fast-moving managing director of MY Holdings, who won all his races even though the machines can go no faster than 20 mph. Not much business was done on the day, however. Despite a plentiful supply of radio telephones, so that orders could be placed, interference from kart engines made communication difficult. The only crash was by a Capel salesman — no injuries, of course. Everyone knows that salesmen are too thick-skinned to hurt that easily.

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COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Great divide between Tory and Labour

General elections are supposed to be decided by home economics: "What has the governing party done for me?"

It would be better, perhaps, if it were otherwise: but while issues like the kind of society in which we live, individual freedom and nuclear arms are to the fore in this election the politicians' final pitch will be on the material well-being of the voters. The dismal science of economics cannot be ignored, though it will be dressed up in promises.

Fortunately, it is not too difficult to see through them to the choice the parties offer. The popular support Mrs Thatcher has received during her first eight years in office derives from two figures: inflation has averaged 4.7 per cent, while average earnings have risen by 7.7 per cent.

In other words, those in work — the vast majority — are financially better off. While it is true that the official instrument for bringing down inflation is monetary policy, executed through interest rates and the exchange rate, one "side effect" of monetary policy — the restraining influence of relatively high unemployment — has played a significant role in the second Thatcher Government's most conspicuous economic success.

The total eradication of inflation remains the Conservatives' primary objective, but, as James Capel's admirable *Election Economics* paper shrewdly observes, not only is reducing inflation from 4 per cent to zero much more difficult than cutting it from 20 per cent to 5 per cent, the likelihood of a third Thatcher Government holding down pay settlements by engineering a recession with dear money and a high exchange rate is nil.

At the same time, the probable drop in unemployment, given the Conservatives' commitment to fiscal restraint will be slow and moderate, say 500,000 to 2.5 million.

The belief in the practical and moral virtues of restraining public spending is the heart and the hope of Thatcher third-term economics. Plans already laid allow for spending growth of only 1/4 per cent a year (in real terms) between 1986-87 and 1990-91. But, providing the economy grows faster than 1/4 per cent, as it almost certainly will, more money would be available, within the Tories' own limits, for government spending, the demands for which (health, education) will be balanced against the need/wisdom to reduce taxes.

Capel suggests that if the spending targets are hit, Mrs Thatcher's Chancellor would have a cumulative £10 billion available for tax cuts — income tax at 20p in the pound? Inflation might be down to 3 per cent and short-term interest rates to 7 per cent.

The appeal of this steady-as-she-goes approach is obvious, but not of course universal. Labour's strategy is directed to the unemployed, the have-less and the have-nots. In sharp contrast with the Tory programme, Neil Kinnock is prepared and Roy Hattersley positively eager to raise taxation to finance part of a huge increase in Government spending, of the order of £26.6 billion by 1990-91; and Labour is clearly not bothered about inflation.

Apart from taking back this year's 2p income tax cut, "the richest 5 per cent" would lose the £3.6 billion benefits conferred on them in the Thatcher years.

Capel estimates that unemployment would fall to 1.7 million, against the Conservative 2.5 million, by 1991. Because of the secondary effects of cutting unemployment (higher tax receipts, lower social security outlays) the impact of Labour's spending plans on the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement would be relatively modest (a PSBR below £8 billion).

More questionable are Capel's guesses of the current account balance of payments deficit and inflation: they are expected to reach peaks of £3.9 billion and 6.7 per cent in 1989. Both estimates depend on the sterling exchange rate, which in turn will be influenced by Mr Hattersley's scheme to repatriate capital from overseas. But even the more moderate forecasts for the pound and the inflation rate would surely mean double-digit interest rates.

Bright Green picture

The City has come to expect stunning figures from Michael Green's Carlton Communications group and yesterday it was not disappointed.

Looking to the future, the Tory party has pledged itself to make available up to a quarter of BBC and ITV programming to independent production houses. Carlton stands to benefit in all its mainstream activities, production of programmes, the provision of production facilities and manufacture of increasingly sophisticated film and video processing equipment.

In the four years since the company came to the stock market, it has made enormous strides to position itself in the key operational and geographical areas to cope with explosive growth. Its acceptance by the IBA as a suitable 20 per cent shareholder in Central TV was significant: two years ago the IBA refused to allow Carlton to take over Thames TV, holder of the London weekday franchise. The ambitious Mr Green would like more of Central; and in time, his claims will be difficult to resist.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Lords of the manor

If you want to invest in property and feel additionally that your status could do with a bit of a boost, then why not buy the freehold of the market square in Bishops Cleeve, Hertfordshire? Ownership of the deeds will also make you Lord of the Manor. If you're the gregarious type, then how about buying the lordship of Southborough in Tonbridge,

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BETTER MADE IN BRITAIN

THE B&Q CHALLENGE

It's not just the politicians who'll be seeking your support in June: B&Q and BMIB are also going to the country — with a major challenge to British manufacturers and entrepreneurs.

You are invited to the **BMIB7 B&Q CHALLENGE DAY** at the new B&Q Supercentre in Kirkhall Lane, Leigh, Lancashire, on Thursday 18th June, the day before the store opens.

From 9am to 5pm you can discuss your products — showing samples where appropriate — with the B&Q Buying Team.

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THURSDAY 18th JUNE

AT B&Q DIY SUPERCENTRE, KIRKHAL LANE, LEIGH, LANCASHIRE

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So if you feel your products can match foreign price and quality, you could soon find yourself part of the B&Q success story.

In a bid to end constant confusion over its half-dozen or so names, County Bank, County Securities, County Investment Management, and the other divisions of NatWest bank's City offshoot are, later this week, being re-named County NatWest. But just in case its clients find this new one-for-all name a little too easy, it is also changing its phone number — to 01-382 1000.

Carol Leonard

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Sunleigh extends its £15.8m bid for Dale

By Michael Tate

Sunleigh Electronics has extended its £15.8 million bid for Dale Electric International until next Monday. By the first closing date last Friday its offer had attracted acceptances from 9.37 per cent of Dale shareholders, including 6.27 per cent opting for the cash alternative.

With the 8.55 per cent acquired before and during the offer period, and a further 0.22 per cent acquired since Friday's deadline, Sunleigh can now claim to speak for 18.12 per cent of Dale.

Mr Iain Dale, the Dale chairman, said the result represented "an overwhelming rejection" of the Sunleigh



Iain Dale: 'an overwhelming rejection of Sunleigh terms'

terms, and spoke of the "fulfilling" of continuing with this bid.

He added that Dale should

"bow out gracefully and let us get back to making profits".

At Sunleigh, Mr Tony Merryweather, the chairman, knows he faces an uphill fight, but believes some of the institutions may yet change their minds.

"Our bid is worth 133p against the stock market price of 110p and I believe there is every incentive for those who have not moved so far to take advantage of this 20 per cent premium," he said.

"We remain quietly confident, but we have three acquisitions lined up in the short term even if it doesn't come off. Sunleigh will grow this year, regardless of the result of this offer."

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APPOINTMENTS

Charterhouse Investment Management: Mr Tom Maxwell becomes a director of Charterhouse Fund Managers. Mr James Robertson is made a director of Charterhouse Fund Managers and Charterhouse Portfolio Managers.

EF Hutton & Company (London): Mr Edward Bowley and Mr Peter Mann join the board.

Pegler Sunvic: Dr Jim Wilson has been made managing director with Mr Alan Newton as technical director.

Lawson Mardon: Mr Mike Hill becomes director of marketing and development in the North American packaging division.

JH Minet & Co: Mr Khaludun Kharabli is made a divisional executive director.

EW Blanch (UK): Mr JC Hills has been made finance director.

Evershed & Tomkinson: Mr Adrian Bland, Mr Martin McKenna and Mr Peter Manford join the partnership.

Charles Barker City: Mr Simon Dixon becomes client services director.

Stanley Miller Holdings: Mr Colin Powell becomes chairman and non-executive director. Mr Harry Midgley is made group managing director. Mr John McGillevray becomes chief executive of the construction division of Stanley Miller Ltd.

J&W Nicholson & Company: Mr Michael Edwards joins the board.

Public Finance Foundation: Mr BP Harty, Mr RD Jeffrey,

Mr J Smith and Sir Kenneth Stowe join the board.

Alexander Stenhouse UK: Mr John Nicholson, Mr Mike Blott, Mr Jeff Hessey, Mr Peter Langford and Mr Trevor Forsythe become branch directors. Mr John Lindsay, Mr David Martin, Mr Philip Taylor and Mr Christopher Goodchild become local directors.

Philips Business Systems: Mr John Hawkins has been made sales director.

Taylor Woodrow Construction (Midlands): Mr Ron Matthews has been made chairman and Mr Fred Munday becomes deputy chairman and managing director from July 1.

Initial Textile Services Group: Mr Lee Cummins has been made chief executive, succeeding Mr Alan Toms who becomes executive deputy chairman.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table with columns: Three Month Sterling, Three Month Eurodollar, US Treasury Bond, Short Gilt, Long Gilt, FT-SE 100, Wypwale (140p), Wypwale (120p). Includes open, high, low, close, and est vol data.

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ALPHA STOCKS

Table listing various companies (Allied Lyons, Amrad, Argyle, etc.) with columns for Company, Volume '000, and Price. Includes sub-sections for MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD, EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %, BULLION, and FOREIGN EXCHANGES.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON AND MANCHESTER GROUP: The group has agreed to acquire Friend and Faick, a London-based residential estate agency... TURNER & NEWALL: The company is acquiring the RE-FLC silicon carbide advanced engineering ceramic business of British Nuclear Fuels for £1.5 million... EVODE GROUP: The group has sold its roofing and insulation division to the industrial products division of Farmac... HESTAIR: Premier Recruitment Services, an employment agency based in Nottingham, has been bought for £650,000.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Table showing call and put options for various stocks like Allied Lyons, British Gas, BP, etc. Columns include Series, Call, Put, and Price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table with columns: First Dealings, Last Dealings, Last Declaration, For Settlement. Lists various financial instruments and their prices.

First Dealings: May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. Last Dealings: May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. Last Declaration: May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. For Settlement: May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table listing sterling rates for various countries like Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, etc.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table listing dollar spot rates for various countries like Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, etc.

Law Report June 2 1987

Foreign agency is bound by contract

Janred Properties Ltd v Ente Nazionale Italiano per il Turismo. Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Nourse. [Judgment May 19]

Where, under the law of the place of its incorporation, a foreign corporation was capable of entering into a contract without ministerial approval, the corporation was estopped from denying that it was bound by a contract which it entered into without such approval.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, dismissed an appeal by Ente Nazionale Italiano per il Turismo (ENIT), which was an organization created and regulated by Italian legislation as a state body, from a decision of Mr Justice Knox (The Times January 3, 1986) in an action for damages by a vendor, Janred Properties Ltd, arising out of a contract for the sale of a long lease of an office property in London.

Mr Stanley Brodie, QC and Mr Stephen Nathan for ENIT; Mr Gavin Lightman, QC, Mr Jonathan Crystal and Miss Elizabeth Jones for Janred.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that immediately before March 14, 1983 Janred held 1 Princes Street and 6 Swallow Place, Westminster, under an underlease which had nearly 70 years to run. On March 19 two agreements were entered into between Janred and ENIT.

The first was for the grant to ENIT of a sub-underlease of the property for 25 years at an initial rent of £114,000 a year. That agreement was completed out of time on June 11.

The second agreement (the option agreement) conferred on ENIT an option to purchase Janred's underlease of the property at a price of £1.5 million. The option was made exercisable by notice in writing to Janred or its solicitors at any time until June 30.

It was provided that upon exercising the option ENIT should pay to the solicitors as stakeholders a deposit of £150,000. The date fixed for completion was July 31. The National Conditions of Sale (19th edition) were incorporated so far as applicable, with certain variations.

It was a requirement of ENIT's constitution that its entry into the agreements should be approved by the Italian Minister of Tourism and Entertainment. That approval was not given until April 2, 1982.

On July 2, when the option had lapsed, there was a meeting at ENIT's London offices attended by, inter alios, two directors of Janred and Mr Tommaso Tomba, ENIT's London manager. A further agreement (the repudiation agreement) was then prepared by Janred's solicitor.

By that agreement, the time for the option to be exercised was extended until July 2; the completion date was postponed from July 31 to September 30; and the deposit was to be paid to Janred and not to stakeholders.

It had at all times been agreed by Janred that the July agreement, if valid, constituted a new contract for the purposes of ENIT's constitution.

It was signed by Mr Tomba on behalf of ENIT and a post-dated cheque for £150,000, also signed by him, was duly handed over.

By a series of decrees of the minister, all the powers of ENIT were vested in Mr Gabriello Moretti although he did not have power to give or dispense with the minister's approval where that was necessary.

Mr Justice Knox decided that because ENIT's entry into the July agreement was not approved by the minister, Mr Moretti did not have power to authorize Mr Tomba to sign it and thereby bind ENIT. Janred had not sought to

impute the correctness of the judge's decision on that. Accordingly, the matter had to be approached on the footing that on July 2 there was no existing agreement by ENIT to purchase Janred's underlease.

The remaining question was whether, in the light of subsequent events, ENIT was estopped from denying that it was bound by such an agreement.

On October 4, Janred served on ENIT a 21-day notice to complete under general condition 22, as amended. On October 14, Mr Moretti went to London and held a meeting at which Mr Tommaso and a director of Janred were present.

At the meeting Mr Moretti made an offer to complete by deferred instalments. Those proposals were not acceptable to Janred. On October 28, the writ in the action was issued.

The property had been kept off the market by Janred after December 1981, when agreement in principle was reached, on the strength successively of that agreement, the option agreement, and the continued negotiations for a delayed completion to take place with no suggestion of a repudiation of the contract by ENIT.

On November 2, 1982 it was put back on the market. It was agreed that the loss to Janred on resale was £200,000 against which, if the contract was valid, the deposit of £150,000 had to be brought into account.

In January 1983 ENIT changed its London solicitors. It was not until January 26 that the new solicitors for the first time made a written statement of a defence based on the assertion that Mr Tomba lacked the requisite authority to sign the July agreement.

Janred applied under Order 86 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for summary judgment for specific performance. The application was granted by Mr Justice Warner on March 28.

On July 14, 1983 the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dunn and Lord Justice Slade) allowed an appeal by ENIT against Mr Justice Warner's order on the ground that it was arguable that ENIT's entry into the July agreement was ultra vires and void, so that there could be no estoppel in Janred's favour. ENIT was given unconditional leave to defend and the action went to trial.

Meanwhile, by a letter between solicitors delivered on October 25 Janred had accepted ENIT's repudiation of the July agreement and elected to sue for damages.

Application under the evidence Act is criminal matter for appeal

Carr and Others v Atkins. Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson. [Judgment May 13]

An application to a Queen's Bench Divisional Court to quash an order for production of special procedure material made by a circuit judge under section 9 of and Schedule 1 to the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 was a "criminal cause or matter" within section 18(1)(a) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 so that an appeal lay direct to the House of Lords, and not to the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal held that it had no jurisdiction to entertain an appeal by the applicant, Errol Ellis Carr, against the refusal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Maccollagh) on February 27, 1987 to grant judicial review by way of an order of certiorari to quash a special procedure production order made by Judge Maccollagh on July 3, 1986 on the application of Detective Chief Inspector Atkins. The court granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Mr Geoffrey Shaw for the applicant; Mr Nicholas Coleman for Mr Atkins.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the Divisional Court had dismissed the application on the merits and had gone on to determine as a matter of law that the original order had been made in a criminal cause or matter. The

character of an order made on a reference in judicial review proceedings depended on the order being reviewed. That was an order under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. It was sufficient to look at Part II of and Schedule 1 to the Act.

Applications to have access to special procedure material were governed by section 9. A constable may obtain access to special procedure material for the purposes of a criminal investigation by making an application under Schedule 1.

Under paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 disobedience to a judge's order was treated as if it were a contempt of the crown court, a court with exclusively criminal jurisdiction.

Lord Justice Stephen Brown delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson agreed.

Solicitors: Cowan Lipson & Rumney; Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

Remedying unlawful conversion

Somak Travel Ltd v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another. A travel agent who built a spiral staircase connecting his ground floor shop premises with the residential premises above was obliged to remove the staircase under an enforcement notice issued to remedy the unauthorized development involved in converting the residential premises into office space, notwithstanding that the staircase was a permitted development under section 22(2)(a) of the Town and Country

Planning Act 1971 and the travel agent would be entitled to rebuild the stairs the day after complying with the enforcement notice.

Mr Justice Stuart Smith so held in the Queen's Bench Division on May 20 in dismissing an appeal by Somak Travel against a decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment. That was an order under an enforcement notice served by Brent London Borough Council.

THE LORDSHIP said that the act laid down by Mr Justice Stephen Brown to be applied

when considering such situations (see Morfit v Secretary of State for the Environment (1980) 40 P & C R 254) asked whether the apparently permitted activity was an integral part of the unauthorized material change of use.

In this case it was clear that the only possible reason for building the staircase was to enable the staff in the travel agency to communicate quickly with the office staff above. The staircase was therefore clearly integral to the development which would have to be removed under the enforcement notice.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

Costly drive to find right staff

This month will see the start of a computer firm's search for 200 new members of staff over the next two years. A £70,000 recruitment campaign kicks off with open days at the company's High Wycombe headquarters and poster sites at main London stations.

Jim White, marketing director of Rapid Recall, a large distributor which handles equipment ranging from Digital Equipment Computers to the British transporter firm, Inmos, explains: "It was clear that the limiting factor on our growth was our ability to recruit, train and motivate people at the right rate. We needed double the numbers."

"The services businesses we are entering, such as field maintenance, consultancy and training are more people intensive."

From handling semi-conductors and board level components, the company has now expanded into systems for end users and has just opened an applications specific integrated circuit centre for the design of specialist chips.

The firm will be looking for people with experience of products and customers, but

RECRUITMENT

By Pat Sweet

not necessarily with a computer industry background.

Mr White said: "The computer industry as a whole doubles every three years."

"If we want to recruit people with both skills and experience, half the people in the industry have less than three years experience, and only a quarter have more than six years."

He estimates that five per cent of the total staff costs this year will go on staff-development training, with courses covering team-working skills, time management, motivation techniques and decision-making skills.

The company has also had to invest in training managers in interviewing techniques because they will be responsible for selecting the new recruits.

Mr White characterizes the typical employee or recruit as an enthusiastic amateur. He says the company has had a lot of success bringing in people without specialist knowledge and progressing them through the company.

One marketing manager, for example, started in stores in the warehouse before moving to field sales and product marketing, while an invoice typist who joined in 1979 now has an executive sales and marketing position.

The most difficult people to recruit, Mr White reckons, are technical staff who feel comfortable in a sales environment.

"We don't have a big division where people can hide. Our technical people have to look presentable and be able to communicate with customers."

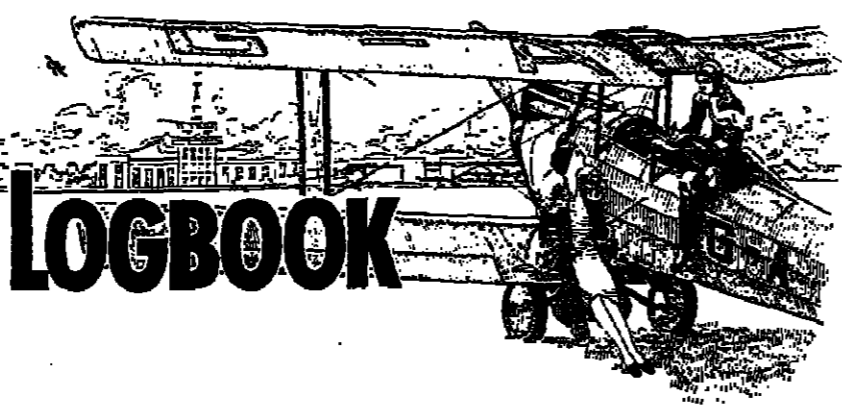
Like much of the computer industry, the firm's staff are young, average age 28. There are 220 employees. Five years ago there were 56, of whom half are still with the company.

It does not pay its sales staff commission; every member of staff is part of a bonus scheme directly related to the performance of the company as a whole.

"One of the reasons for putting posters in bus and train stations is to attract commuters who would like to work out of London," Mr White said.

He believes the company will be able to handle the projected increase in staff numbers comfortably. People will continue to work in small teams of up to 25.

New recruits are shown about 50 per cent of the corporate four year plan to ensure they understand the fundamental goals and objectives.

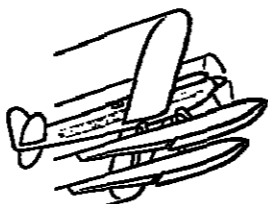


Win a £1,000 holiday

This is the fourth week of Logbook, our aviation competition in association with the computer manufacturer DEC (Digital Equipment Co), providing an opportunity of winning holidays valued at £1,000 each week for another two weeks. Logbook is based on entries in an aviator's diaries for the inter-war years, celebrated by the annual DEC Schneider Trophy race, to be competed for on June 21 over the Isle of Wight.

For the next fortnight we are publishing more Logbook entries as clues to five questions we shall be posing - the first on this page today and next Tuesday, the rest in The Times Information Service page on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and in The Week Ahead on Saturdays.

What you do: find the answer to each of the questions, which will be a number. By Saturday you will have five numbers. Add these together and you will have the week's numerical solution.



THE TIMES/DEC SCHNEIDER COMPETITION

On Sunday, between 8 am and 8 pm, phone 01 400 5291, which is The Times/DEC Schneider hot-line. You will be asked for the following information when you make your call: (1) the numerical solution; (2) the tie-breaking sentence (see below); (3) your name and day-time telephone number. Please have all this to hand to enable the entry to be processed accurately and speedily.

The competition hot-line will be operational only during the stated hours. Employees of

News International plc and DEC, and members of their immediate families, are not eligible to enter the competition. In any dispute the editor's decision is final and no communication will be entered into.

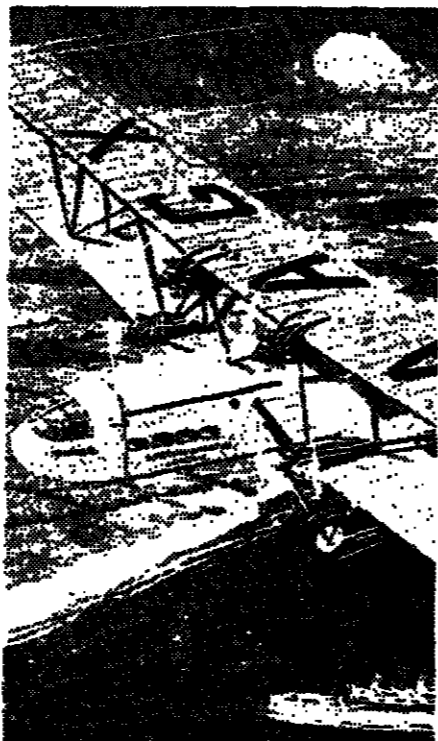
● **TODAY'S QUESTION:** In which year did Amy Johnson hit the headlines with her lone flight to Australia?

● **THE TIE-BREAKER:** Answer this question in no more than 15 words: What, in your opinion, was the most important contribution that the Schneider Trophy events made to aviation? We shall be announcing this week's winner in next Tuesday's Computer Horizons. Each winner will receive a holiday voucher for £1,000, which will enable them to travel to their own choice of destination.

The winner of our third Logbook competition was Alison Moxon, of Welwyn-Times. Solutions to last week's questions: Tuesday 1920, Wednesday 12, Thursday 89, Friday 1928, Saturday 1938. The numerical solution was 5887. Second winner: See next page

AN AVIATOR'S DIARY

- **TUESDAY**
- The country has gone crazy over the success of Amy Johnson's flight to Australia. It has been an epic flight, which we have followed avidly. Her little Moth aircraft seemed ill-suited to such a marathon expedition, but the wishes and prayers of a nation went with her.
- **WEDNESDAY**
- The new Imperial Airways Hannibal drew crowds when it arrived at Croydon yesterday. The sleek lines and spacious cabin will surely attract the volume of traffic Imperial are hoping for.
- **THURSDAY**
- Kingsford-Smith's Southern Cross has crossed the Pacific without mishap. They took a little under 84 hours to fly from Oakland to Brisbane, a distance of 7389 miles.
- **FRIDAY**
- Archie and I met to discuss our trip to Hendon. This year's RAF display promises to be the best ever; preliminary publicity promises a mass fly-past of more than 250 aircraft. We arrange to meet at the Royal Aero Club for breakfast.
- **SATURDAY**
- Took Charles my nephew to the Alan Cobham Air Display, where he was enthralled by his flight. Cobham is certainly getting good value out of his Avro aircraft. The displays are giving valuable experience to air-minded youth.



Technology and the law: a minefield for users

Compared with the hundreds of years during which our legal process has been developed and refined, the 30-odd years in which the computer industry has thrust itself into business and everyday life are minuscule.

Yet because of the way in which computing is so vital, the law - or its application based on legal precedence - has had to adapt as fast as the growth of technology.

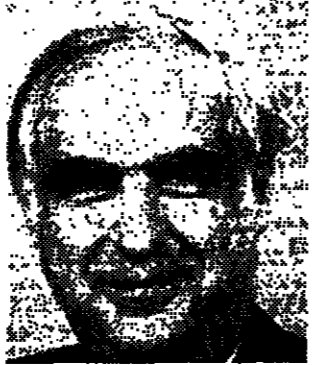
What has not moved fast is the ability of data-processing and information systems management and personnel, or many lawyers, to keep abreast of all the implications of law that apply within the daily working environment of computers.

In short, the law relating to information technology is a large minefield.

It is so complex and there are so many acts of law which can now be brought to bear in computer industry work and employment, that larger companies - particularly financial institutions and those dealing with the public - are now starting to employ specialists to take direct responsibility for matters of security, systems integrity, risk management and data protection.

"Even the general knowledge of lawyers on information technology is poor," says Nigel Savage, Professor of Law in the department of legal studies at Trent Polytechnic.

Data-processing managers or someone in the organiza-



Jim Donaldson: a question

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter

tion should know as much about the law as it affects their computer operations and staff as industrial-relations managers are expected to know about law, he says.

It is with this in mind that the search for specialists has started with, for example, BIS Applied Systems last week seeking to recruit a Head of Group Risk IT Management for a client. Typically such a person will cover risk management, quality control, security, and matters related to the Data Protection Act.

"It is part of a new trend," explained Tony Spur, manager of the executive recruitment division at BIS. "A staff, rather than line management, appointment requiring a degree-level IT person with business knowledge and a specialization such as insurance as well as understanding the importance of security and the law affecting IT."

As with many other aspects of new jobs being created in computing - particularly those with highly specialized non-IT skills being added to a requirement to know a computer system inside out - the requirement for such people is being recognized. But where will they come from?

"The question is whether to teach the law specialists and

others about IT or whether to educate the information technologies in law," says Jim Donaldson, vice-chairman of the management consultancies association.

"It's a mute point, but a question which must be resolved. It will probably favour people in other areas to understand IT, rather than build knowledge of law into specialists operating within existing computer department structures."

Whichever way, it seems that information technology is requiring yet another new type of specialist, and many of these roles demand a unique mix of information technology expertise as well as highly developed specialized knowledge and an excellent business grasp of particular market sectors.

For those who know IT, security, risk management and the law, the rewards could be high. Salaries of £40,000 to £50,000, plus benefit packages are already being quoted for such people.

Beyond this, law is beginning to create additional considerations in terms of the relationship between employer and employee.

Take just one small example. Copyright already covers work in computer memory and under a proposed new law this will be extended to cover any medium from which work can be reproduced. It could even be as specific as a single algorithm in a program.

As to ownership, this will be decided on the basis of who has provided the essential skill in the creation of the work. Is it employer or employee?

It is in fact the employer who is the first owner of any work capable of being copyrighted. However, this can lead into the area of intellectual property infringement - for example over the right of the employee to use a particular algorithm and the most difficult aspect of this is a breach of confidence.

Moves on rules for firms in EEC

BRUSSELS

Legislation to allow companies to license their know-how without fear of prosecution for violation of the European Economic Community competition laws will be adopted next spring, the EEC Commission announced last week.

The Brussels Commission said the measure would exempt know-how licensing agreements from the EEC competition law.

Jean-Francois Verstrynge, a commission anti-trust specialist, said the legislation would allow companies to enter into agreements which would otherwise violate the EEC law "as long as they do not restrict competition".

He added: "The regulation will protect companies from prosecution and give them greater legal certainty." The idea is seen as particularly welcome to US companies in Europe which do not have similar protection at home.

He said licensing agreements that would lead to price fixing or market divisions would be illegal.

The block exemption would apply to agreements for the transfer of secret technology or processes "which are described in detail and have substantial innovative value." According to Mr Verstrynge, who is an adviser to the EEC Competition Commissioner, Peter Sutherland, the law will apply "to thousands and thousands of agreements", especially among companies in the hi-tech and chemicals fields.

He said transfers involving "pure software" would not be covered.

When adopted, the measure would be similar to a block exemption granted by the EEC to patent licensing agreements in 1984.

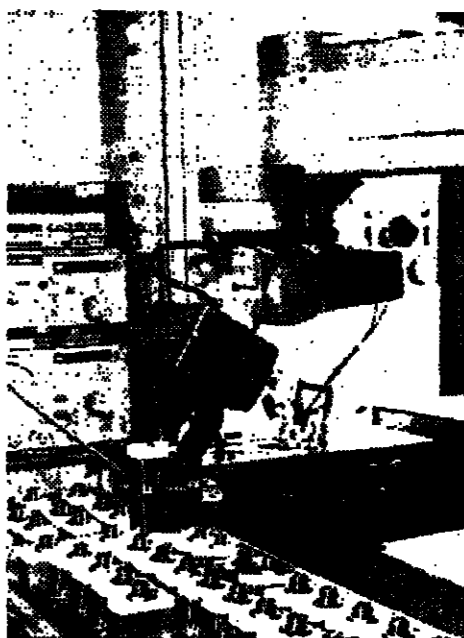
Rent a robot and boost the profits

Today sees the start of a London exhibition about the role of computers in manufacturing. It comes at a time when the use of computers in British factories is finally starting to move into general industry.

From the original equipment design and tooling, where computers running CAD/CAM software help to determine the shape and nature of parts to the actual manufacturing process itself, where computer-controlled robots run the production lines, firms in the business hope that computers will become an indispensable part of the modern manufacturing process.

Perhaps not surprisingly, one of the leading examples of this computer-based manufacturing is in the computer industry itself. Even relatively conservative companies such as IBM are moving towards highly-computerized manufacturing methods such as those used in the surface-mounting methods of building computer circuit boards.

It is this type of manufacturing which takes place at IBM's new surface mount technology (SMT) factory in Greenock, Scotland, where



UMI's RTX at work in industry

THE WEEK

By Geoff Wheelwright

the company's new Personal System 2 computers will be manufactured for the European market.

SMT allows a much higher density packing of computer components on a computer circuit board and reduces the potential for errors in manufacturing those highly complex boards.

Ironically, the only holdback to the further development of SMT is likely to be computers themselves - which will need to become still more powerful and faster to master the kinds of design skills needed to properly take advantage of the opportunities presented by these new manufacturing systems.

In the design of new computer processing chips, for example, the processing power of existing chips has been one of the major drawbacks in quickly doing the tracing work required to check a theoretical computer processor design before manufacture.

But it is not only companies in the computer industry that are benefiting from the use of computers in manufacturing - although they are quite naturally often the pioneers. Automotive, aircraft and defence equipment manufacturers have all recently taken steps towards increasing the use of computers in their production.

Smaller firms, however, have often not had the expertise or the money to embark on such a path, even though they are often the people it would benefit the most.

To help eliminate that problem, the London-based Universal Machine Intelligence (UMI) has announced a "rent a robot" scheme for companies that want to look at robotics in

manufacturing but do not have the cash to do it all at once.

UMI also hopes that a number of universities and technical institutions will take up the offer to rent robots so that today's graduates can develop the skills to deal with the computerized manufacturing equipment they will increasingly find when they leave college.

And because they can be controlled by low-cost PC-compatible personal computers, the robots will fit into the PC-oriented environment of many small business and educational institutions.

It is not only computer hardware that will drive the use of this technology in the manufacturing world. Software also plays a key role. The world's biggest seller of personal computer financial spreadsheet programs, for example, recently recognized this opportunity with a product it calls Measure.

Lotus Development is selling Measure as an add-on to its Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet system that allows a personal computer to receive scientific and manufacturing assessment data directly into Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheets for direct manipulation by managers and planners that wish to carry out manufacturing and capacity projections based on real, sampled figures.

This week's London manufacturing show is likely to feature a good many more ties between the still-growing personal computer industry and the world of computer-aided manufacturing as PCs, process-control devices and robots all become more affordable and computer-aided manufacturing becomes a much more achievable goal for the medium size factory.

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A cool breakthrough

Indian scientists claim a breakthrough in the race to find a superconductor that works at room temperature. A team of six scientists at the state-funded National Physical Laboratory (NPL) in New Delhi said they had found a phase - a small part of an oxide compound - that showed superconductivity at 26C. Until 1986 physicists could produce superconductivity only by cooling materials with liquid helium at close to minus 273C.

New products war about to begin

From Lawrence Edelman, New York

Computer market leaders IBM and Digital Equipment will soon launch further new products that industry analysts say will intensify their already bitter rivalry.

Digital Equipment is set to announce that it will jointly develop and sell products with Cray Research, a move seen by analysts as a challenge to IBM, whose computers are often used in tandem with Cray's supercomputers.

The analysts also expect Digital to introduce later this year a generation of computers that expand by up to four times the speed and power of its Micro Vax II, a line that has done well against IBM products.

STRATEGY

"Digital has tremendous momentum right now," said Paine Webber analyst Stephen Smith, who thinks the new Digital offerings will put pressure not only on IBM, but on minicomputer firms like Hewlett-Packard, Data General and Wang Laboratories. But IBM is not sitting still. Last week, in its first major product announcement since the debut of its new personal computer line, it breathed new life into its ageing 4300 mid-range computers with several

bigger and faster models and released the first 3090 mainframe computer costing less than one million dollars in a bid to lure buyers who might otherwise be put off by the big price tag of a mainframe.

IBM has a lot riding on the 3090, which can run software originally written for IBM mainframes. The company hopes this feature will reduce the number of big users who have defected to other vendors, particularly Digital, when they buy minis to augment their computer networks.

IBM is also moving to meet the demands of users of its smaller System/36 and System/38 minis, which are popular among small and mid-sized businesses with relatively light computing needs. Although used for similar purposes, the machines are incompatible, a shortcoming that has plagued IBM.

But analysts said the company is putting the finishing touches on a new system, nicknamed Silverlake, that can run software written for both System/36 and System/38.

More important, analysts say, Silverlake will conform to IBM's Systems Applications Architecture, a set of specifications designed to ensure that software, with little modification, can run on any system through IBM's product line.

Scathing attack on 'incomprehensible' manuals

Firms are wasting time and money because many computer manuals are badly written and out-of-date, according to a report by the Industrial Society.

"Computer users get fed up trying to understand manuals written in incomprehensible jargon, badly cross-referenced and with no glossary," says Caroline Blazzer, leader of the society's information technology unit. "Eventually, people give up looking at the manuals altogether, then they forget or simply never realize how much their computer can do - and that leads to time and money being wasted." The society estimates that at least half the firms using computers are losing out, and has organized a two-day course in London on producing better manuals.



"Carriage return is automatic, Mildred"

BRIEFING

'Parasites'

Owners of IBM mini and mainframe computers, or their clones the plug compatibles, have a new organization should they wish to buy or sell secondhand equipment. The Computer Users' Exchange promises its members advice and information on current retail and wholesale prices and details of buying and selling opportunities from other members.

Michael Phillips, the marketing director who spent 15 years with IBM before becoming a consultant, doesn't have much good to say about current brokers for secondhand equipment, though he is now one of their competitors. "It never failed to amaze me that there exists, at the leading edge of technology, such a large and parasitical group of unqualified and avaricious dealers, bartering with high capital cost equipment as if it were a dinner service in Petticoat Lane," he says. Annual membership of the CUE will be £350, with commission charges ranging from 3 per cent to 20 per cent depending on the size of the deal.

Sanctions surge

After \$2 billion losses and 25,000 layoffs, the US semiconductor industry, which makes the chips that run everything from computers to cars, spy satellites and dishwashers, appears in the midst of a long-awaited rebound.

The recovery can be attributed, at least in part, to the surprisingly dramatic effects of the Reagan administration's trade sanctions against Japan, which, combined with a surge in personal computer buying, have spurred demand for American-made chips and improved prices that until recently barely exceeded the cost of production.

But the apparent turnaround has resulted as much in caution as in relief in California's Silicon Valley and other high-technology centers around the country where the semiconductor industry's near collapse triggered doubts about the nation's ability to remain technologically self-sufficient.

Red sales

Tokyo police last week arrested two senior officials of Toshiba Machine for alleged involvement in the illegal exports of sophisticated machine tools

and a computer program to the Soviet Union.

Toshiba Machine, a subsidiary of Japan's second largest electric machinery maker, the Toshiba Corporation, is said to have sold machine tools and a computer program for them to the Soviet Union without obtaining prior approval from the government.

The export of the machine tools is alleged to have been made possible through false applications that made the computer program used to run the machine tools appear less sophisticated than it really was.

Space computer

The Japanese electronics company Mitsubishi Electric plans to develop a radiation-resistant telecommunications computer for installation on a National Space Development Agency satellite. The computer would be installed on the Earth Resources Satellite 1, due to be launched in 1991, and would relay data from the satellite to ground stations.

"We plan to develop a telecommunications computer that can withstand the harsh environment and high intensity of radiation in space," said a company official.

Curbs are sought on US hi-tech exports

By Clyde Farnsworth

The US Defense Department is seeking key changes in bureaucratic procedures that could lead to curbs on exports of advanced semiconductor products, even as the Reagan administration steps up efforts to increase exports.

The Pentagon's action was disclosed in an internal memo signed by Stephen Bryen, Deputy Under-Secretary for trade security policy, and a draft memo prepared for the Under-Secretary of Defense Fred Ikle.

The memos signal the Pentagon's intention to press for veto power in the licensing of exports of very-high-speed integrated circuits and related technology - involving many products at the leading edge of technology, where the United States has a competitive advantage.

The Defense Department, according to the documents, wants to shift the authority for these exports from the Commerce Department, where there is a predisposition to approve licenses, to the Office of Munitions Control, managed by both the State Department and the Pentagon, which has tougher approval standards.

While the Defense Department can veto an Office of Munitions Control license application, it does not have such authority over Commerce applications.

Companies whose products fall under munitions control guidelines are barred even from making marketing proposals to sell abroad without advance authorization. An export license is also required to shift production facilities offshore, even to an allied country.

The new licensing jurisdiction would affect a vast range of products whose export value is hundreds of millions of dollars - such as high-speed custom chips, and design and simulation software for semiconductor devices.

Poll program

Election software is all the vogue at the moment, though it is not as hot as it once was. One program costing £25, for example, is really of use only on election night. It promises to predict the outcome of the election if each result is keyed into the program comparing them with a database of previous election voting patterns. Quite why anyone would do this rather than get far more sophisticated analysis from the TV set is not clear.

Perhaps marginally more enduring will be a game from Virgin Software, Election, in which players take the role of Mrs Thatcher, Neil Kinnock or the two Davids and battle for power. Norman Brown, company secretary of the distributors, Centresoft, managed to give Mrs Thatcher a copy while she was touring industrial estates in Birmingham last week. "Thank you, but I won't have time to look at it for the next two-and-a-half weeks," she declared.

IBM: yet another case for the prosecution

Last month saw the publication in Britain of a new book on IBM - *Big Blue: IBM's Use and Abuse of Power*. REX MALIK, the author of a book on IBM in 1974, looks at the problems of writing about the computer giant.

It is an assault on IBM called Big Blue and it takes me back, oh how it takes me back. And not with any great pleasure, for there they are again, the stuff of author's nightmares, those near-endless pages of reference notes to familiar IBM internal document-evidence numbers. I had to plough manually

through millions of words of them when writing my own book, *And Tomorrow...The World: Inside IBM*, in 1974. I thought then there was probably a lot less paper in evidence at Nuremberg, as there will probably be at the trial almost certain to follow Armageddon.

Such "papers" came into the public domain by legal search during what at times felt like IBM versus Seemingly Everybody, a set of anti-trust suits running from the late 1960s to the early 1980s and culminating in US versus IBM, one of the three largest anti-trust suits in history, the others being with Standard Oil and AT&T. Unfortunately it was never

finally judicially resolved as a halt was called by the US Justice Department at the beginning of 1982.

The author of the latest book is Richard Thomas DeLamarter, who was an economist on the Justice Department team and lived through eight of those years.

As he makes clear, he does not particularly like IBM. I grant it is not exactly the most loveable company I have ever come across either, indeed my own opening words were of an IBM where power was about as widely distributed as in the Kremlin.

What Mr DeLamarter has written is essentially the US domestic case for the prosecution. Some perfunctory

packaging apart, a cursory look at IBM's ties to powerful allies in Washington and Wall Street and some misconceptions of how the Japanese and French have sought to cope with IBM - how can one write a book on IBM and not even mention the EEC case?

He is good though when standing up to Japan managers works, then it has lessons to teach. Though anyone believing in the concept of self regulation will hate it.

Big Blue: IBM's Use and Abuse of Power: The Truth about IBM's Success and the Ominous Implications of Its Stranglehold on the Information Society is published by Macmillan, London, £14.95.

Winning line

The second winner of our Logbook competition, Peter Kewley, is a tutor/librarian at the Luton College of Further Education, Bedfordshire. While having no special knowledge of aviation, he used the reference material available in the college library for his entry. He is a regular reader of Computer Horizons and makes a study of the use of computers in education.

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A guide to job opportunities

Busy days for the bursar

Some people taking early retirement think that being a bursar would be a cushy little number for the next ten years or so. What might shake those who haven't taken the trouble to go into the matter is finding that they may be even busier than in their previous careers.

The bursar's job, whether in a school, university or other institution, is not a sinecure. In a school of some 700 the turnover may be round about £4 million, in a university like Reading £40 million. Finding time to take a holiday can prove a problem, for when the term is over there may be building projects to supervise, holiday courses to organize or lettings to make.

Not everyone who is called a bursar has identical responsibilities. In the independent schools, however, the word bursar means roughly the same wherever you go.

Tony Glover is bursar of Tonbridge School (670 boys, some 70 masters and nearly 300 other staff). His responsibilities involve financial control, maintenance of buildings and grounds, provision of all services and equipment and control of non-academic staff. There are seven boarding houses, three day houses and five senior student houses, and during the holidays 3,000 children and adults attend courses at the school.

Answerable to the headmaster and the governors, the bursar is assisted by heads of departments, covering grounds and gardens, laundry, catering, porters and cleaners, the school shop, works, accounts, and facilities (holiday courses).

Mr Glover's background was in business, mainly overseas, as financial director of an overseas subsidiary of British American Tobacco, and administration director of the Hong Kong Underground Railway, then company secretary of Mills and Allen International in this country.

A year's commuting convinced him that this was not the ideal way of life. So when he saw his present job advertised seven years ago, he applied.

"I get as much job satisfaction as I have ever had," he told me. "It is worth while because one can see quite a few of the results of what one is doing. The whole function is service towards the academic side of the school. It can, of course, be stressful. If something isn't right so that lessons or other activities cannot go ahead, I am the person who is attacked."

The main requirements of a job such as his, he explains, are an understanding of finance and administration, plus the capacity to juggle several balls in the air at once. You must also be able to establish a good relationship with the headmaster and with the Common Room.

When everyone has submitted requests for money, the bursar consolidates it into a budget, which the headmaster and he discuss together and then with a governor, who is honorary

treasurer, before putting it to the governors.

"A school is not like a factory. I can't sell more chocolate bars. I can do only one of two things - increase prices or control costs. I can't increase prices beyond what the market will bear or what my competitors are charging, so I have to control costs."

Quite a bit of Mr Glover's time is spent in negotiating with architects and builders, for the school has built a new sanatorium and extensions to boarding houses, has refurbished the athletic track and build changing rooms. It is expanding to the sports field, and is looking at a development plan for further construction.

He takes part in housemasters' meetings and talks to the boys about the scope of his job. "A bursar can be as much or as little involved with the life of the school as he wishes."

One who likes to be involved is Commander Michael Chattock, bursar

The money turnover in a school of about 700 pupils can be £4 million; in universities it can be 10 times as much. The bursar handles finance and other services, even school dances, says Joan Llewelyn Owens

of Kent College, Pembury, a girl's school, one of a Methodist group. He even dresses up as Father Christmas for the junior school party, acts in plays, and attends all the school dances.

A nuclear submariner, who was at one time engineering manager of the dockyard at Gibraltar and officer-in-charge of the Royal Naval Nuclear Propulsion School, he looked for several things from a new career.

"I didn't want to peer inside any more engines. I wanted a job that was going to be full of interest, and something my wife could also be involved in." He is particularly happy, too, to be part of a school which is trying hard to set the sort of standards one would like to see in the community.

An accounts department at the group's headquarters produces the annual accounts, but the bursar provides the information and creates the annual budget for the senior and junior schools, which are on different sites.

Commander Chattock is also clerk to the governors. So agendas have to be prepared and action taken on decisions arising out of meetings.

As this is the school's centenary year, there has been a lot to do in connection with the various celebrations, including a summer ball and a fête.

When I spoke to him, a new boarding house had just been officially opened and two more building projects were starting the following week - one for a library.

The bursar was among those who discussed what facilities would be needed, and would later take part in discussions about furnishings, which he would eventually have to produce.

"The bursar," says Commander Chattock, "is very much at the hub of the school. As well as keeping an eye on everything, including the catering, domestic and maintenance staff, you provide a general support service. I even cash cheques for the girls and give them advice on the financial management of their dances."

In universities, as opposed to schools, there are mainly two types of set-up. In the first you have a single head of administration, usually called the registrar or secretary, and sometimes both. Typically he has a finance officer and a bursar. In the second, there are two equal heads of administration, a registrar on the academic side and a non-academic bursar, to whom a finance officer reports.

The bursar of Reading University, Robert Ascott, was managing director of various subsidiary companies of large industrial groups, in places such as Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico and the US.

"This is the equivalent of running a large business with a turnover of about £40 million and 3,000 employees," he told me. Reporting to him are a personnel officer, a building officer, a senior administrator, a data processing officer and a finance officer. The last copes with day-to-day financial and accounting problems, while Mr Ascott deals directly with all land and investment matters. To run Reading's several large farms, he employs a farm manager.

Collegiate universities such as Oxford and Cambridge have college bursars, who act as the finance directors of what are independent organizations. Depending on the size and wealth, there may be junior bursars, domestic bursars and estates officers.

In the majority of cases, the bursar's job is a second career for people aged 30-55. About 37 per cent of the membership of the Independent Schools Bursars' Association come from the services. Retired senior officers are also to be found as bursars in higher and further education, as well as academics with administrative experience.

However, the larger institutions often look for candidates with a business background and possibly an accountancy qualification. While jobs are advertised in the national press, some recruitment is conducted by executive search consultants.

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Further information and application forms can be obtained from the County Personnel Officer, County Hall, Trowbridge, Wilts. BA14 8JN. (Telephone: Trowbridge 3641 Ext. 2049). Ref. 87.266.

Completed application forms must be returned by 12 June 1987.

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Wiltshire

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR FOOTBALL CLUB

Club Secretary/ Administrator

Applications are invited for the above appointment to one of the most prestigious and challenging administrative positions in English Football.

The successful applicant will have had experience in the administration of sport or allied industries. Previous experience in Football administration is desirable but not essential.

Remuneration will be commensurate with age and experience.

Applications with full C.V. and Covering letter marked 'Confidential' to;

**The Chairman
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748 High Rd., Tottenham,
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Selection for interview and for an appointment for this post is made without regard to the sex, marital status or racial origin of each applicant.

Application Forms and Job Description can be obtained from the Personnel Section, County Offices, Apsley Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG. (Tel: Sevenoaks 45711 Ext. 383)

Closing Date - 19th June, 1987. 43B

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES MANAGER to £14,000

The Independent Hospitals Association is the representative body for the independent hospital sector of medicine. The Membership Services Manager will (1) inform members of developments, prepare discussion papers and recommend options, (2) regularly contact members individually, in meetings and at conferences, (3) collect and analyse data on the size and structure of the independent sector. Candidates (graduates aged 25-35) should have an understanding of health care provision in the UK and demonstrate an ability to communicate and persuade.

Please write, with cv, to
**A J Byrne
Independent Hospitals Association
78 Buckingham Gate
London SW1E 6PE
Tel: 01-222 3348**

**WEST GLAMORGAN HEALTH AUTHORITY
District Services Unit
Health Education Officer**

Nutrition Training and Development in the Community
£9,676 to £11,884 per annum (A & C Scale 9)

This new post is part of the Heartbeat Wales initiative and runs alongside the development of healthy eating policies in West Glamorgan.

There will be opportunities to develop further programmes alongside an active Health Education Unit and in conjunction with dietitians and other professionals in the county.

The programmes will be pursued in co-operation with local media, as well as primary, community and commercial agencies.

Initially, the post will be for two years. Applicants should be car owner/drivers.

Miss Toni Williams, District Health Education Officer, will welcome informal enquiries on 0792 51501 ext. 258. Job Description and application form from Unit Personnel Officer, District Services Unit, Cefn Coed Hospital, Cockett, Swansea, SA2 0GH tel. 0792 582054 ext. 350.

Closing Date - 30th June 1987.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND
SECRETARY**

Due to the forthcoming retirement of the present incumbent, applications are invited for the post of

The Middlesex Association for the Blind provides Voluntary Services for the nine London Boroughs which were formerly in the County of Middlesex and to its 40 affiliated Blind Clubs and 7,000 Newcomers, who number some 8,000 blind and partially sighted people. In addition the Association has a Residential Home at Harrow and a Holiday at Folkestone, and also promotes a Handicraft Exhibition and Horticultural Show.

Applicants should have had a considerable administrative and management experience and have a knowledge of Social Services and Blind welfare in particular. A three month overlap with the present Secretary is desirable, and the successful applicant should, ideally, be able to take up the appointment by 1st October, 1987. The salary would be in the region of £11,000 per annum with transferability for superannuation purposes. A car or car allowance will be provided.

Applications, accompanied by two references should reach the Chairman, Middlesex Association for the Blind, 52 Cambridge Street, Finsbury, London EC2A 4JF, by 30th June, 1987. (CB808)

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Directorate of Finance and Administration**

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

up to £11,000 p.a.

We are looking for an ambitious administrator to join our Committee Secretariat Team.

- A challenging role in a stimulating environment
- An excellent opportunity to develop committee and administrative skills in a progressive authority.
- Good career prospects.

Have you
- A degree or appropriate professional qualification
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- The initiative and ability to work with minimum supervision

If so we can offer you
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- Generous relocation expenses
- Flexitime scheme

Further details can be obtained from Alison Kemp, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP. Telephone (0223) 317263. Closing date for applications: 28th June 1987.

**HOUSING... Going Local
AREA MANAGER**

£13,671 - £14,871 (Car Lease Scheme)

We have recently embarked on a programme to decentralize our Housing Departments with the aim of providing a more effective service to our 38,000 tenants through a 'one-door' approach.

Organisationally this has meant the creation of five multi-purpose area teams and we require a Manager to lead one of the area teams.

The Area Manager will have a key role to play in the new department being involved in both policy making and service delivery. You will be expected to meet the particular housing needs of your area by providing a responsive service that will encompass estate management, repairs, allocation, housing benefits and more besides.

Equally, your ability to motivate and manage staff will figure largely in determining how successful we will be in achieving our aim.

Undoubtedly this job is a demanding one and we are looking for a self-motivated person who is able to work under pressure and who is a good communicator. You will have experience in a range of housing functions and possess a working knowledge of current housing legislation. It is also important that you have experience of successfully managing staff and we would prefer that you are a qualified member of the Institute of Housing.

If you would like to know more about this post, an information pack is available from The Director of Personnel and Management Services, Civic Centre, Motherwell ML1 1TW. (Telephone: 0698-96166 ext. 2418), to whom your CV and the names and addresses of two referees should be submitted by 10th June 1987.

This is a re-advertisement, previous applicants need not re-apply.
MOTHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL
WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER.

**STATES OF JERSEY
STATES TREASURY**

ACCOUNTANT

£15,776 to £17,448 per annum. Ref. 377

The Treasurer of the States is seeking to recruit a young qualified Accountant with at least 2 years' post qualification experience either in the public or private sector for appointment on a five year contract basis.

You will initially work as part of a team of Accountants in the Budget and Financial Appraisal or Internal Audit Sections of the Department and will be expected to make a positive contribution to the effective use of the States' resources and achievement of improved financial control.

The States Treasury accounting is computer based using the G/L Plus ledger and financial information system.

Jersey is a self governing island with its own legislation for all domestic matters, including taxation. It provides a complete range of public services, including Airport, Harbours, Telecommunications and Postal Administration, in addition to the social services of Education, Public Health, Hospitals and Housing.

The current budgeted income of the States amounts to £220m with revenue expenditure of £172m and a three-year capital expenditure programme in excess of £120m.

This is a challenging opportunity for an Accountant with the appropriate qualities. Job description and application form are obtainable from the States Personnel department, Cyril Le Marquand House, P.O. Box 600, The Parade, St. Helier, Jersey, G.I., telephone 0534 79111, extension 213, which should be returned by Thursday, 18th June 1987. 65C

**Clerk and Chief Executive's Department
Assistant Solicitors**

(2 posts)
£12,894 - £14,862 p.a.

Due to the promotion of the current postholder, two vacancies now exist for Solicitors in our busy Legal Section, based in a pleasant environment at COUNTY HALL, TRURO. Applicants should preferably have some post qualification experience in either private practice or local government, but applications from solicitors who are newly admitted or about to be admitted would also be welcomed.

The postholder will be responsible for a wide range of legal work, including court appearances in respect of child care cases, and there will be opportunities for some committee work.

A car user allowance is payable and separation and relocation expenses will be paid in appropriate cases up to a maximum of £1,500.

Application form and additional information please telephone: Pat Crowson on Truro 74282, extension 2106 or Linda Truscott on extension 2110. Closing date: 12th June, 1987.

CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL

Redbridge

If you know all there is to know about the appointment and payment of teacher, then you could be the person we're looking for.

We need a new

Head of Staffing Section

We'll pay up to £13,632 and we offer:

- the chance to help re-structure the section
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You must know your job and experience in Education Staffing matters is vital.

Forms and details from:
Directorate of Educational Services, 255/259 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1NN. Telephone: 01-478 3020, ext 3137
Form back by 17th June, 1987 please.

PROPERTY MANAGER

The Board is the largest health authority in Scotland with major teaching and supra-Area responsibilities, and with a total annual allocation of almost £400m.

The Property Manager will manage the maintenance of the Board's Estate, the Board's Capital Building Programme, and the assessment, expansion and contraction of the Board's property and land.

An attractive salary, commensurate with the importance of this new post, will be available. Assistance will be given with relocation expenses.

The successful candidate will have the experience and skill to lead and co-ordinate a large and complex property function. The estate includes 43 hospitals, 16 health centres and 68 clinics with a 1987/88 Capital Allocation of £20m.

Further particulars and application forms are obtainable by telephoning Director of Personnel, Greater Glasgow Health Board, 225 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JT. Telephone: 041-204 2755 ext 2618/9 to whom completed forms should be sent by 17 June 1987.

GREATER GLASGOW HEALTH BOARD

**ISLINGTON HEALTH AUTHORITY
CUT OUT FOR GENERAL MANAGEMENT IN THE HEALTH SERVICE?**

Islington Health Authority could provide you with the perfect opportunity to enter the service at senior level in its newly created general management post.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER (PATIENT SERVICES)

With a benefits package, including a salary of £16,117 - £20,242 inclusive

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Your role will be to secure improvements to patient services in a number of key areas such as Paramedical services, the Accident and Emergency Department, Outpatients and Operating Theatres. You will also manage the medical records department which is slowly to be computerised. Other important tasks will be the development of planning and public relations.

Knowledge of the internal dynamics of general hospitals will be an advantage but not essential to the candidate who demonstrates the commitment and intellectual capacity to ensure a practicable learning curve in response to management development and training. Informal enquiries are welcomed by Mr Julian Metcal, Acute Unit General Manager, on 01-272 3070 ext 4110, from Wednesday, 27th May 1987.

Information pack and application forms available from District Personnel, District Offices, Whiston Hospital, Hightown Way, Darroch Road, Hale, London N15 8JL. Telephone 01-272 3070 ext 4123/4116. Closing date: 11th June 1987.

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OXFORD MAGISTRATES COURT

TRAINEE COURT CLERK

SALARY £6,939 to £10,917

Applications are invited for the above position from persons who have passed the Law Society or Bar examinations. Applicants who are taking their examinations this summer will also be considered.

Applications giving details of age, experience and qualifications together with the names and addresses of two referees should reach me by 12th June 1987. Telephone enquiries to Oxford (0865) 815925

Mr S.J. Biggin
The Courthouse
Speedwell Street
Oxford, OX1 1RZ

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This post is based in the Court House, at Harlow. We are looking for people who can demonstrate an interest in the law and wish to pursue a career within the Magisterial Service. Applications are welcomed from those who have completed the first year of the diploma in Magisterial Law. Law Graduates or from newly qualified Barristers and Solicitors (It may be possible to offer articles to suitable candidates.)

Commencing salary will be in accordance with age and qualifications. As an indication, someone who has passed the Part II examinations could anticipate a starting salary in the region of £7000.

Application form and further details from Clerk of the Committee (Personnel Section), County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1LX Tel: Chelmsford (0245) 267222 Ext. 2017. Closing date 19 June 1987.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Personnel Services

Director

c£26K (under review) + Car Innovation opportunity in an expanding organisation

The Housing Corporation is a progressive organisation which promotes, funds and supervises registered housing associations throughout Great Britain, working with them to provide homes for people in need.

We need a Personnel Services Director to lead a professional team and provide a comprehensive personnel service to our 700 staff.

Experience of the full range of personnel activities is desirable, but above all we are looking for a highly skilled manager with proven organisational, managerial and inter-personal skills. A personnel qualification is not a prerequisite but could be an advantage.

For further details telephone Jean Margrie on 01-387 9466, Ext. 224 or send applications to:
B. C. Ridley, Deputy Chief Executive,
149 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0BN.

The Corporation is committed to fair housing policies. In our own organisation we ensure equality of opportunity in all our selections, appointments and management processes.
Closing date: 15th June 1987.



CORPORATE PLANNING AND EVALUATION MANAGER

£15,048 - £17,406 (review pending)

The Royal National Institute for the Blind is the largest charitable organisation of its kind in the world.

Over the last two years the RNIB has undertaken a major strategic review which has established our broad policy objectives till 1995. We are now recruiting a Planning and Evaluation Manager to aid line management refine and achieve these new corporate policy directions.

Reporting to Ian Bruce, Director General, you will help the organisation establish a wider range of planning and monitoring procedures which will provide an overview of the organisations performance as well as help the management of specific services.

This newly created position, offers you the opportunity of playing a positive role in creating RNIB's future.

For further information and an application form please telephone 01-388 1286, Ext. 204, or write to: Personnel Department, Royal National Institute for the Blind, 224 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6AA.

Closing date for receipt of applications 22nd June 1987.

Royal National Institute for the Blind

Director of Property Services

£28,716 x £717(4) — £31,584

A new department of Property Services is to be established as a result of a review of technical departments in the County Council.

Applications for the post of Director of Property Services are invited and the person appointed is likely to be professionally qualified in either Architecture or Estate Management. He or she must have the managerial ability to direct and motivate staff within a multi-disciplinary organisation and this is considered to be fundamental to the successful operation of the new department.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from the County Personnel Officer, County Hall, Trowbridge, Wilts. BA14 8JN. (Telephone: Trowbridge 3641 Ext. 2049), Ref. 87.267.

Completed application forms must be returned by 19 June 1987.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

Wiltshire

Opportunities for Legal Staff are Better in Bromley

The Contracts/Orders Team is busy section within the Legal Division dealing with conveyancing transactions, project work, building contracts and a variety of non-contentious matters. The work provides valuable experience which has enabled the two former postholders to advance their careers.

ASSISTANT SOLICITOR
£12,690 - £15,600

You should have an interest in non-contentious work, including contracts, statutory agreements, compulsory purchase, and other Orders, and a range of conveyancing.
Ref: A 248.

LEGAL ASSISTANT
£9,129 - £10,902

Good conveyancing skills and the ability to process a heavy caseload with a minimum of supervision and a willingness to work with others as part of a team is required. You will deal with Contracts, Statutory Agreements, Housing Association work, Road Closure and other Traffic Orders, and a range of conveyancing.
Ref: A 252.

Discuss the opportunities we can offer by telephoning 01-464 333 ext. 3282 to speak to Richard Pugh, the Borough Secretary, or Amanda Lynch, the Principal Managing Solicitor.

For further information and an application form please contact The Chief Personnel Officer, Bromley Civic Centre, Rochester Avenue, Bromley, BR1 3UH. Tel: 01-290 0324 (24 hour answering service). Please quote appropriate reference number.
Closing date: 10th June, 1987.

Bromley
The National Museum of Science & Industry
Science Museum

A CONSULTANT ARCHITECT FOR THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

The Science Museum is the nation's museum devoted to the physical and medical sciences, technology and industry, transport, food and agriculture. It serves some five million people a year — more than any other museum in Britain — through three major centres: the Science Museum, London; the National Railway Museum, York; and the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, Bradford.

In April 1988 the responsibility for the Science Museum's estate passes from the Property Services Agency to the Museum's Board of Trustees. Accordingly, the Museum wishes to appoint a Consultant Architect to advise the Director and Trustees on the development, use and maintenance of its premises. The Consultant will be expected to play a key role in developing the visionary and imaginative concepts on which the Museum's future will depend, and to advise on the preparation and periodic updating of the Museum's Development Plan.

A wide knowledge and understanding of modern museum practice is an essential prerequisite, together with an empathy for the great collections which it is the Museum's duty to preserve and present.

The Museum invites submissions from appropriately qualified, experienced individuals or practices by 15 June 1987.

Submissions should be sent to the Museum Administrator at:
The Science Museum Exhibition Road LONDON SW7 2DD

RE-ADVERTISEMENT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Salary-Scale C (£25,051/£28,522) subject to review

The Board is the largest health authority in Scotland, with major teaching and supra-Area responsibilities, and with a total annual allocation of almost £400m.

The Director of Finance will manage the Board's financial and computer services and provide financial and statistical information to the Board and its officers. He or she will be a member of the General Manager's Senior Team of Officers.

Candidates should be qualified accountants, with experience at a senior level in a large organisation, and with the ability to provide dynamic leadership in the fields of management information and computer applications.

Previous NHS experience is not essential. Further particulars and application forms are available by telephoning:

Director of Personnel,
Greater Glasgow Health Board,
225 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JT,
Tel: 041-204 2755 ext. 2618/9

to whom forms should be sent by 18 June 1987.

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(E.G.B., 12 años de experiencia profesional)

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Para los detalles solicitar los anuncios de oposición a:

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(estudos médios, 12 anos de experiência profissional)

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Personnel & Estates Department

Assistant Director (Management Services)

Salary: £16,374 - £17,538

This is a new post at 2nd tier level within a busy and forward-looking department.

The post has been created to lead the Management Services Section at a time when the continued high profile of the section in Council activities is generating many new challenges. In particular Management Services is taking a lead in preparing for competitive tendering, working closely with the Information Technology Section in introducing new technology and carrying out major departmental reviews. The prime thrust of the post will be to manage the section and its workload to meet these pressures in a professional and dynamic way.

The person we are seeking must therefore be professional highly motivated and full of ideas. They should have several years managerial experience at a senior level and a record of achievement in the management of change.

Oldham is a town of friendliness and character bounded on the one side by Manchester with its excellent communication links and cultural facilities and on the other by the unspoilt beauty of the Pennines.

Application forms and further details are available from the Administrative Section, Personnel and Estates Department, P.O. Box 25, Civic Centre, West Oldham, Oldham, OL1 1JN or telephone 061 678 4692. Closing date 29th June 1987. If you would like an informal chat please ring Fred Smith, Director of Personnel and Estates, on 061 678 4670.

Job Sharing/applications are welcome

Oldham Metropolitan Borough
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND CLERK'S DEPARTMENT SMALL BUSINESS FIELDWORKER

SO1 or SO2

Up to £12,297.

This newly created post is based in the Essex Business Centre at Chelmer Court. The Centre was established by Essex County Council on 1 January 1984 with the primary aim of furthering the development of business activity within the County of Essex. There has been an increasing demand for the Centre's services and it has become necessary to recruit a specialist Small Business Fieldworker.

It is anticipated that you will spend much of your time in the field encouraging the establishment and development of small firms and providing small business advice to a range of clients.

Applicants should possess the appropriate skills and level of experience associated with good small business management and preferably have gained "hands-on" experience in the small firms sector. Ability to communicate effectively at all levels and provide tuition on MSC Sponsored Small Business Courses are essential.

For an informal discussion about the post please contact Roy McLarty, Head of the Essex Business Centre. Tel: Chelmsford (0245) 350288.

Application form and further details from County Personnel Officer, County Hall, Chelmsford CM1 1LX. Tel: Chelmsford 267222, Ext. 2017. Closing date 17th June 1987.

ESSEX
County Council

Auditor Carlisle

£7,311 to £11,271.

Based at Carlisle you will be living and working in a beautiful County as well as broadening your experience. This is a responsible, interesting and challenging position where your abilities and initiative will be used to the very fullest. You will work as a member of an audit team covering the whole range of audit activities, countrywide.

You should be suitably qualified and/or experienced (e.g. accounting technician) and have a background in accountancy or audit.

Full driving licence required. Essential user car allowance is payable. Car loans/leasing facilities available.

Further details and application forms from County Treasurer, The Courts, Carlisle CA3 8NA. Telephone Malcolm Robinson (0228) 23456 ext 2903.

Closing date for applications 12th June, 1987.

Post open to men and women.

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PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

57¼% C of Grade B £18,474 to £20,322

We require a suitably qualified and experienced Administrator for this senior management post. To be responsible for all administrative, financial, personnel and resource provision and will have a major role in ensuring the effectiveness of the whole department.

The post offers a person with a high level of communication skills, initiative and enthusiasm a challenging opportunity to make a significant contribution to the management and development of the department.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate substantial administrative and managerial experience at senior level and possess appropriate professional qualifications.

An application form and job description can be obtained from the County Clerk, County Offices, Matlock, Derbyshire. Tel: (0629) 3411, ext. 7322.

DERBYSHIRE
County Council
Supports Number, Free Zones

Surrey Heath is making a reality of Care in The Community

Surrey Heath is committed to the development of Community Services for the elderly and disabled people and those with special needs living within the Borough. In order to assist with this development we are looking to make appointments to the following posts:-

Day Centre Organiser
— Ian Goodchild Centre
£10,569-£12,894

This postholder works under the supervision of the Community Services Officer bearing responsibility for the effective management, co-ordination, development and evaluation of the resources of the Centre.

The Centre will also be responsible for the preparation and supply of meals on wheels to people living in the Camberley and Frimley areas.

Please quote Ref: H73.

Community Services Assistant
£8,391-£10,164

This postholder works under the general supervision of the Community Services Officer providing assistance with the management, co-ordination and development of statutory and voluntary services to elderly people and other client groups. The successful candidate will not only be required to assist in the management of the Community Alarm System, Meals on Wheels Service and Sheltered Housing Courts, but also in developing and supporting the work of Youth Groups interested in the provision of Community Care.

Please quote Ref: H74.

Successful candidates must have a proven record of management and not only have an enthusiastic and imaginative approach to the development of the service, but also be an effective communicator.

Minimum qualifications required: GCSE, COSW or DOT, and experience in the above or related fields. (The Diploma in Youth and Community Work would also apply to the Community Services Assistant post. Benefits include a working week based on 37 hours, a minimum of 21 days leave and a casual car user allowance.

If you would like an application form and further details, please telephone Camberley (0276) 22676 or write to the Personnel Office, Surrey Heath Health Borough Council, Surrey Heath House, Keble Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3HD. For any queries please ring Camberley 686252 Ext. 414. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 12th June 1987.

Community Care, 21 May 1987

WORK IN LEISURE

GCSE offers opportunities to work with children or families for long or short periods of time. The successful candidate will be expected to display imagination, practicality and consistency in developing the museum to make the best of the site and the collection.

Salary starts from £15,000. Applicants who should preferably be under 35 should apply in writing for full details from:
The Director
SCCA,
The Haven, Exeter
Devon EX2 807

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London SW19 3BX.

DIRECTOR EXETER MARITIME MUSEUM

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Salary starts from £15,000. Applicants who should preferably be under 35 should apply in writing for full details from:

The Director
SCCA,
The Haven, Exeter
Devon EX2 807

CAREER ASSESSMENT

Special help on career planning. Contact: Career Analysts, 100 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0LP. Tel: 01-435 5452 (24 hrs)

BRIDGEWAYS

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You will have had a minimum of 2 years experience of working in a residential setting with handicapped in care and be at least 25 years old. Salary £7,400 per plus 25 benefits.

To complete our team of

we are also looking for enthusiastic young people of 21 and over the opportunity of being and working with a residential setting. There is an interview for placement and an offer letter to those successful. Salary £15,000 per month plus 20% and accommodation.

If you wish information and/or application form, please contact: Catherine Allan, Personnel Officer, Bridgeways, 221a W. St. Marks, Southampton, Hampshire, SO9 4JL. Tel: 0703 2311.

For further information and an application form please contact:
County Personnel Officer,
County Hall,
Chelmsford CM1 1LX. Tel: Chelmsford 267222, Ext. 2017.
Closing date 17th June 1987.

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LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

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If you would like further information, please telephone Simon Anderson on 01-831 2000 or write to him at Michael Page Partnership, 39-41 Parker Street, London WC2B 5LH.



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Going: good Draw: high numbers best (low on soft ground)

Table with 2 columns: Race details (number, time, name, jockey) and odds.

FORM MOSTANGO is coming back in de-... (text continues)

2.30 SWT CERAMICS HANDICAP (22:00:5) (19 runners)

Table with 2 columns: Race details and odds.

FORM EASTERN SMOKE (9-1) not disgraced... (text continues)

3.0 TRYON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3648: 1m) (16 runners)

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FORM UPTONHILL (9-1) improved to beat... (text continues)

3.30 SOUTH WESTERN TILING COMPANY HANDICAP (22:08: 1m 2f) (18 runners)

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FORM EMPIRE BLISS (9-1) good style on... (text continues)

4.0 RUBBING HOUSE MAIDEN FILLES STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,877: 5f) (25 runners)

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FORM GREATLY TOUCHED (9-1) not... (text continues)

4.30 LAVERSTOCK MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,937: 1m 4f) (20 runners)

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FORM ALPHASOIC (9-1) good effort in... (text continues)

4.55 THE GALELARI (9-1) good effort in... (text continues)

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Bluebird has Ascot objective

Bluebird became Vincent O'Brien's first confirmed runner for Royal Ascot...

3.45 ROSE & CROWN HANDICAP (22:57: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

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Wujud will be suited by return to shorter trip

Pat Eddery looks the jockey to follow today at Salisbury where I envisage him landing a double on Wujud (3.00) and Bold Archer (3.30).

Following a win over 10 furlongs at Leicester a week ago Wujud is now napped to capture the Tryon Handicap Stakes, even though this race is over only a mile.

Indeed in April he looked most unlucky not to win a similar race at Bath where he was flying at the finish and beaten only a short head.

When he finished nearer last in the first there were some very long faces around, completely at a loss to explain his poor showing.

Getting one pound from Buckra Mellisuga, who had won Sergeant Smoke to a neck in his previous race at Newbury, Wujud won by 1 1/2 lengths.

Freedman hoping to greet an Epsom miracle worker

"The late Sir Noel Murless would look up to the sky after he had won a race and say a miracle had just taken place," Louis Freedman, the owner and breeder of Reference Point, favourite for tomorrow's Derby, explained yesterday.

"Disappointments happen more often than success in racing," says 70-year-old Freedman. The day after Reference Point put up an apparently Derby winning performance at York in the Mecca-Dante, his sister, Shottanmill, had to be put down after breaking a leg on the pallops.

"I say, one of the first horses I had, who was trained by Walter Nightingall, finished third in the 1906 Derby behind Sea Bird."

"There are an awful lot of people who expect to have a Derby runner every year but until they have had the right horse," says Freedman.

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"They are split between three Hoquat but only four lengths covered the first 10 and, at face value, his French form is inferior to that of Groom Dancer."

Groom Dancer has each-way claims

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A line through Love The Groom links last year's Futurity at Doncaster to classic form this season and indicates that Reference Point should best Aidan (a pivotal horse for form purposes), Most Welcome, Bellotto and Entitled.

Yesterday's results

Table with 2 columns: Race details and results.

Blinkered first time

SALESBURY: 2.0 Belle Of Budapest, Lydia Langrish, Eastern Princess, BEVERLEY: 2.15 West-End-Car's-Prize, 3.45 Dancer's-Trot.

Pat Eddery put himself in the right frame of mind for his covered ride on the Derby favourite, Reference Point.

Finally, Sam The Singer, who was beaten only 1 1/2 lengths at Leicester eight days ago on his debut by the much more experienced Chummy's Girl, can go one better in the Beaver Claiming Stakes at the expense of Mister Mac, who has twice been retained by his trainer, Nigel Tinkler, after winning sellers at Nottingham and Ripon.

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Louis Freedman, the owner of Reference Point

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Entitled and Groom Dancer have each-way claims in a race which is a shade more open than the betting suggests.

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